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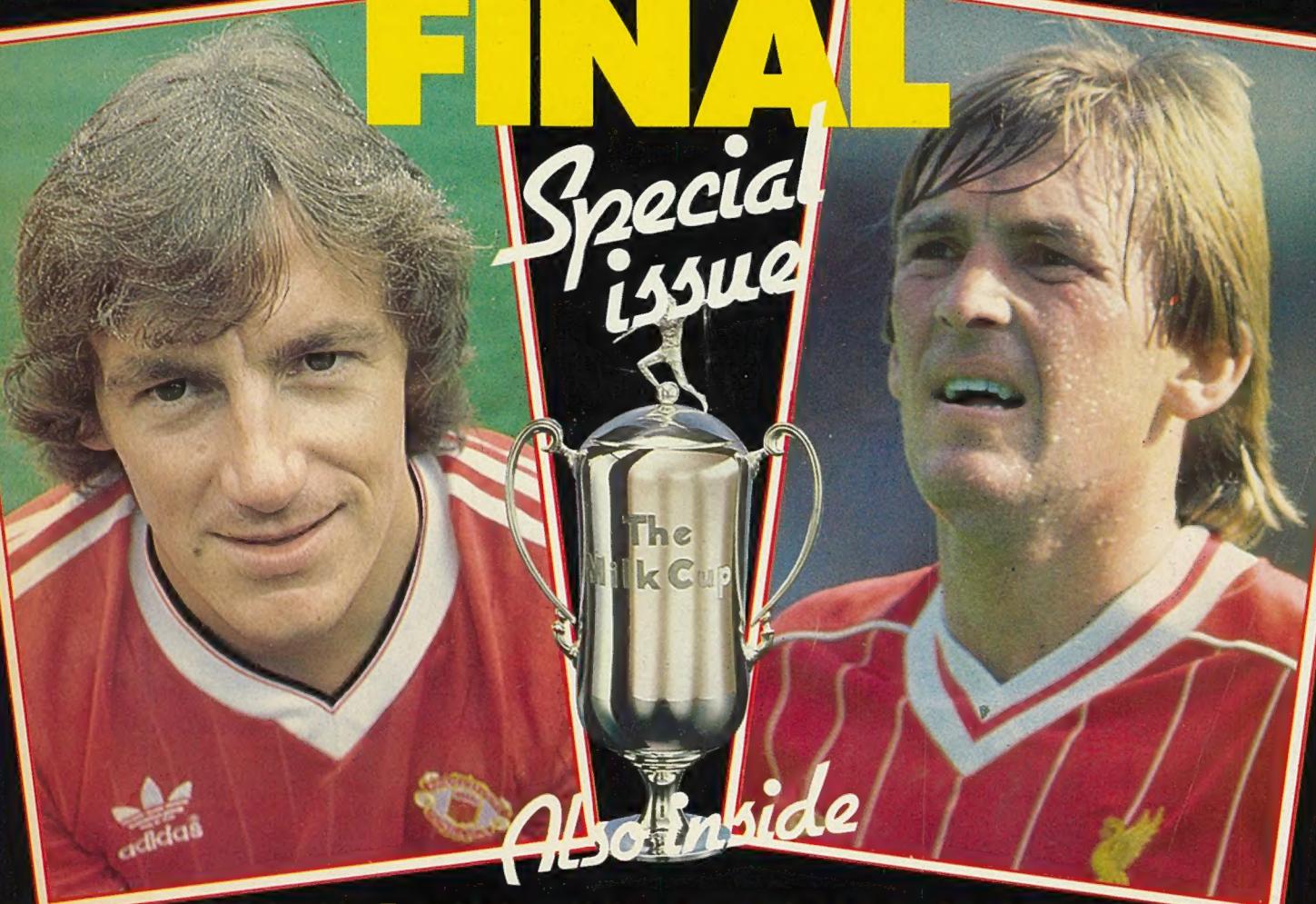
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I HOPE Manchester United win the Milk Cup... if only for the sake of my Dutch international colleague, Arnold Muhren.

It has always been Arnie's ambition to play at Wembley in a cup final since he came to England, and I'm delighted for him.

He is an excellent player and a true professional. I hope everything goes well for him on the day.

Another reason why I would like to see United win is because they beat us in the Quarter-Finals of the competition and it will ease the blow if we know we were knocked out by the eventual winners.

I didn't play in that game at Old Trafford but I was watching and United played well to win 4-0. They were very impressive and I have to admit they deserved victory on the night.

They also beat us in the League a few days later and, if it hadn't been for the tremendous form of my replacement Steve Sutton, it could have been 4-0 again.

United have a tremendous squad and in young Gary Bailey



have one of the best 'keepers in the country.

I rate him very highly and he will play a very important role on the day. They have one of the best midfielders around and I hope Bryan Robson is fit to play.

Liverpool are also an excellent team. In fact, both sides are very evenly matched and the final should be a cracker.

It's difficult to find any weaknesses in either side, and that all points to a great game for the fans.

I think a lot depends on which side settles down the quicker and who gets a bit of luck on the day.

Both Liverpool and United love to attack so I expect to see a few goals. ■

PREDICTION: Liverpool 1
United 2.

MARTIN DOBSON Burnley

THE Milk Cup Final has got the makings of being a classic.

Liverpool and Manchester United are the best two teams in the country and I don't think you could have a better pairing.

It's difficult to back against Liverpool on the day, but United seem to be the form team at the moment and have the ability to conjure up victories out of nothing.

If I had to plump for anyone, it would be Liverpool, but I feel United deserve to win a trophy and this may prove to be their only chance.

We were knocked out by Liverpool in the last round, but at least we proved they are not unbeatable over 90 minutes.

Having lost the first leg at Anfield 3-0, we went out at Turf Moor with a positive attitude and every player gave his all — that's the only way to beat them.

We chose to do a man-to-man marking job on them in midfield, and it seemed to work well.

We realised that if the likes of Graeme Souness and Sammy Lee took control of the game, they would take us to the cleaners.



But, on the night, our midfield players ran their legs off and prevented them from getting the ball to the front men.

The man-to-man marking system worked for us, but it probably wouldn't suit United. Remi Moses is probably their only player in midfield who puts himself about.

It's going to be a closely-fought game and the only certain thing is that it will be entertaining. I have a feeling there could be a few goals because both sets of forwards are in form.

Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush are scoring a lot of goals between them, while Frank Stapleton and young Norman Whiteside seem to have struck up a good understanding. ■

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, Man. Utd. 1.

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Milk Cup Final adversaries
Steve Coppell of
Manchester United and
Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish.

WHO'LL WIN

JOHN WARK Ipswich

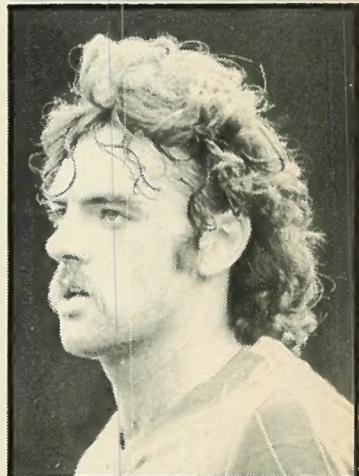
don't like someone big in front of goal battling for the ball.

Liverpool's strength is the fact that they work so well together. Mark Lawrenson and Alan Hansen play it from the back and that releases the midfield players to take up attacking positions.

On the left, Alan Kennedy and Ronnie Whelan have a great understanding, while on the other flank Phil Neal and young Sammy Lee are also in tune to each other.

Bob Paisley's men have one big advantage over their opponents — all their players have tasted a cup final atmosphere before.

Players like Arnold Muhren, Mike Duxbury, Kevin Moran and Remi Moses will be playing in their first ever Wembley



final and the nerves could get to them on the day.

Wembley has become like a second home to Liverpool so their players won't be as nervous as Ron Atkinson's men.

With so many talented players on parade, I expect to see plenty of goals and lots of exciting football. ■

PREDICTION: Liverpool 3
Man. Utd. 2.

KENNY SANSOM Arsenal

MANCHESTER United are desperate for success and it's that hunger which could topple Liverpool.

It is United's first cup final since 1979 and that's a long time for a top club to go without appearing at Wembley. Their fans are impatient for a trophy and the players will be determined not to let them down.

United have added a battling quality to their game and that's why they are doing so well this season. In the past, they've had a few big names in the side who haven't battled as hard as they should.

Arsenal were given proof of this 'new-look' United when they beat us 4-2 at Highbury in the first leg of the Milk Cup Semi-Final.

They came steaming in at us and won the tie in the first 20 minutes. We never recovered from their whirlwind start.

But I expect a more patient approach from United in the Final. Both teams will be testing each other out in the early stages and there won't be many chances given away.

I believe that the team which makes the first major



breakthrough will end up with the trophy. Once one team scores, I can't see them losing that advantage.

Obviously the United players will be more nervous than their Liverpool counterparts. The Merseysiders have seen it all before.

But nerves aren't a bad thing. I get very nervous before a big match but I find all the butterflies disappear after my first touch.

I'm hoping that Manchester United win because we face them in the Semi-Final of the FA Cup and victory in the Milk Cup could take the edge off their performance at Villa Park!

PREDICTION: Liverpool 1 Man Utd 2.

MICK McGUIRE Norwich

THERE was a time when I'd never back against Liverpool, but the form of Manchester United this season has changed all that.

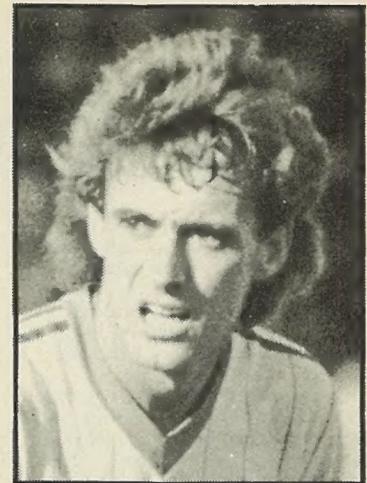
I believe that their attacking trio of Steve Coppell, Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside can take the Milk Cup to Old Trafford for the first time in the club's history.

As the season has progressed United have got stronger and stronger and I now believe they are good enough to topple mighty Liverpool.

In my opinion, Frank Stapleton is the complete centre forward and he's now struck up a perfect partnership with young Norman Whiteside.

Northern Ireland international Norman has really impressed me. He's managed to sustain his form after a terrific World Cup.

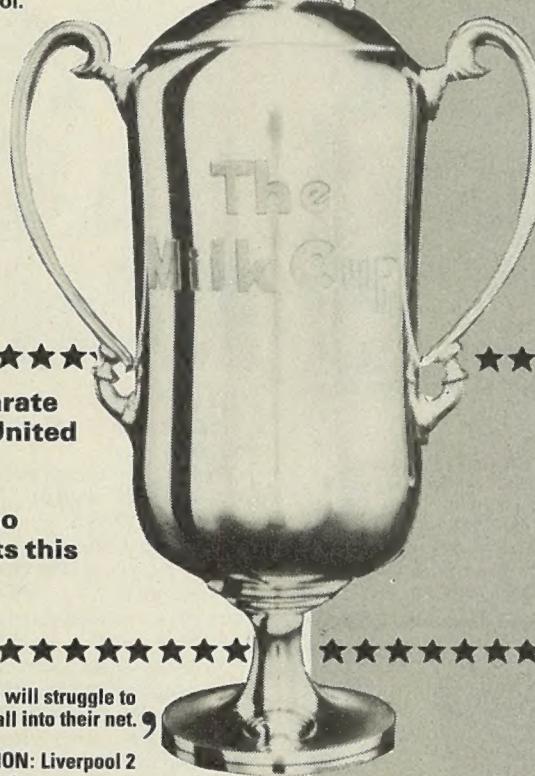
I only hope that Bryan Robson is playing for United because he does the same essential job in midfield which Graeme Souness does for Liverpool.



The Scotland captain is the playmaker of the current Milk Cup holders. He gives the sort of ammunition that strikers like Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish require.

It's going to be a fascinating Final and it could be one of the best games Wembley has staged for years.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 1, Man. Utd. 2.



THE FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST West Ham

LIVERPOOL'S never-say-die attitude will see them lift the Milk Cup for the second year running.

The League Champions simply never give up and it's that determination which helps make them so great. They just keep battling away and playing football no matter how badly things are going.

West Ham learnt that to our cost a couple of weeks ago at Anfield. We dominated the first half and yet still ended up losers by three goals to nil.

There's no doubt in my mind that the Merseysiders are the best team in the country and I can't see them failing to retain the Milk Cup. Manchester United will find them too difficult to overcome.

Kenny Dalglish had a difficult start to the season, but the turning point came when he scored twice for

CUP?

IT'S a draw . . . the stars can't separate giants Liverpool and Manchester United in Saturday's Milk Cup Final at Wembley.

'Match' asked six top players who have gone out to one of the finalists this season and the score ended up Liverpool 3 Man Utd 3.

Scotland against my country, Belgium, in a European Championship qualifier. Those goals seem to have restored his confidence and appetite.

Since then, he and young Welsh international Ian Rush have formed the most lethal striking partnership in the First Division.

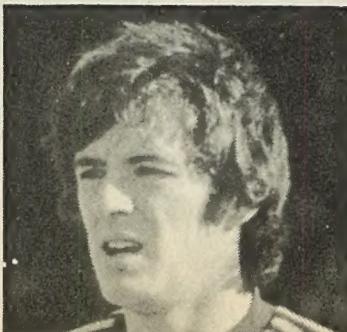
Skipper Graeme Souness is the big influence in midfield. He has the ability to calm things down and he spots openings very quickly.

I expect to see an exciting, attacking game. I can't see too many goals being scored even though both teams have a couple of excellent forwards.

Over the last couple of seasons, United have strengthened their defence and even a team like

Liverpool will struggle to put the ball into their net.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2 Man. Utd. 1.



■ Page 8 — Match Weekly's exclusive form guide to the Milk Cup Finalists.

■ Pages 20 and 21 — Milk Cup colour souvenir poster.

BOBBY DAZZLERS

WEST Ham and England star Trevor Brooking has a head to head confrontation with Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman at the official launch of the Metropolitan Police's five-a-side competition.

More than 42,000 girls and boys aged between nine and 17 are expected to take part this year, with the Final at Wembley.

It's the largest soccer tournament of its kind in the world, and this year's competition was kicked off by Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman earlier this month.

The competition is open to teams in the Metropolitan Police area, and entry forms are now available at local police stations.



BELL'S RING FOR RON

RON Atkinson has become the first Manchester United manager for nearly six years to win a Bell's Scotch Whisky 'Manager of the Month' award.

It was Ron's seventh award in eight years, but the first at Old Trafford since the last of Tommy Docherty's seven awards in 1977.

The divisional awards went to Burnley's Frank Casper, Portsmouth's Bobby Campbell and Port Vale's John McGrath.

BURNLEY'S transfer-listed Irish international Paul McGee has turned down a chance to return to his old club Sligo Rovers on loan. But the former Queen's Park Rangers and Preston player may well settle back in Ireland during the summer.



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ALBION FANS LOVE ROMEO!

DUTCHMAN Romeo Zondervan is one of the most improved players at West Brom this season.

That's the verdict of team-mate Martyn Bennett who says:

"Fellow Dutchman Martin Jol got all the praise last season and Romeo got a bit of stick from the crowd because he took a long time to settle in.

"This year, it's been so different. Romeo is now one of the crowd's favourites at The Hawthorns.

"One of the main faults of foreign players in this country is that they lack consistency.

"This was one of Romeo's main faults at first, but now he's showing some really impressive form in midfield."

SUBBUTEO SHOOT-OUT IN SWANSEA

SIXTEEN youngsters will be bidding this weekend for the South Wales Regional title in the Match Weekly/Subbuteo National Championships.

The event takes place at FC Eddershaws, Oxford Street, Swansea, on Saturday from 10.30am.

The four semi-finalists will go forward to the Welsh National Finals, being staged at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff, on April 23.

The four leading contenders for regional honours this weekend are Richard Hopwood, Simon Bigmore and Robert Thomas from Cardiff, and Stewart Osbourne from Maesteg.

HOT-SHOT KERRY'S PLACE IN THE SUN

READING players are looking to ace striker Kerry Dixon to boost their holiday fund in Majorca this summer.

A Reading company, Rockfort Construction, has offered £1,000 towards the close-season trip providing Kerry can score 30 League goals.

He was the League's top scorer with 21 goals until he was struck down by a pelvic injury at the end of December.

But he's now back to full fitness and gunning for those remaining goals and a £1,000 jackpot.

Says Kerry: "The target is just about possible, particularly if the lads decide to give me any penalties we get between now and the end of the season.

"Despite my lay-off, I desperately want to finish at the top of the goalscoring charts and Rockfort's gesture makes me doubly determined."

■ TWO former First Division players, Paul Hammond and Alan Merrick, are both included in the new Team America squad for the North American Soccer League season which starts next month.

Paul used to play in goal for Crystal Palace, while Alan played in the First Division with West Brom.

The Team America squad has been formed with a view to building a national team for the next World Cup.

■ FOURTH Division Torquay are having their problems with penalties this season.

They have missed no fewer than seven, the most recent offender being player-manager Bruce Rioch during the 2-1 defeat of Peterborough.

CHRIS KEEPS IT CLEAN

HEREFORD have used no fewer than eight different goalkeepers this season. The latest is full-back Chris Price, who took over during the second half against Blackpool when goalkeeper Kevin Rose was sent off.

But Chris managed to keep a clean sheet to earn Hereford a valuable point.

The sixteen challengers are: Michael Hill, Andrew Lucey, Richard Hopwood, Chi Wong, Simon Badman, Simon Bigmore, Robert Thomas and Matthew Trigg, all from Cardiff; Christopher Ellis, Desmond Kane and Michael Thorne from Cwmbran; Stewart Osbourne, Jason Thomas and Richard Williams from Maesteg; Barry Hiller and Richard Morris from Neath.

Don't forget that all spectators at the event can win a FREE mystery prize at the Finals.

All you have to do is take along this issue of 'Match' or just take this cutting to qualify for your prize.

DALY'S DILEMMA

THE only certainty about the future of Eire international Gerry Daly is that he won't be playing with Coventry next season.

"At the moment, I've no idea where I'll be playing next season," says the former Manchester United and Derby star, who is on loan to Leicester for the rest of the season.

"All I know is that I'm being given a free transfer by Coventry at the end of the season and then it will be up to me to weigh up all the possibilities.

"It could be that Leicester might want to sign me or two or three clubs that showed interest in me recently might come in with an offer, I just can't tell at this stage.

"It's not out of the question that I might go abroad again," adds Gerry who had one spell in America with the now defunct New England Teamen.

But Gerry's main concern is trying to pilot Leicester back into the First Division, having linked up with his former Coventry boss Gordon Milne.

"My loan period to Leicester suited both parties, I wanted League football having played only two games for Coventry this season, and Gordon wanted some experience in midfield.

"Leicester have a good side and there is still every chance of us making up ground on the

'I'VE NO IDEA WHERE I'LL PLAY NEXT SEASON'

three favourites for promotion.

"We are right in touch with the leading three and it only needs Fulham to come unstuck once or twice to put us in the picture."

Meanwhile Gerry hopes Coventry can maintain their drive for a place in Europe next season.

"I had my injury problems at Coventry but, even when I was fit, Dave Sexton didn't play me in the side.

"Even so, I was rather surprised that he let me go on loan for the rest of the season because they haven't got a big squad at Coventry and I thought he might have kept me for experienced cover.

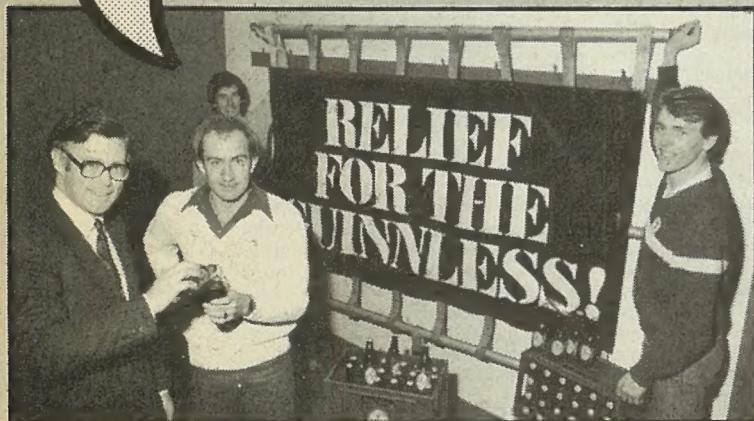
"I just hope they don't get two or three injuries because that could seriously affect their hopes of getting into Europe."

Right: Gerry Daly — no idea where he will be playing next season.



MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck



CHELSEA striker Clive Walker gets a celebration drink of Guinness after being named their 'Man of the Match' against Blackburn earlier this month.

In fact, Clive, who scored one of the goals in the 2-0 home win, collected ten dozen bottles of Guinness for his efforts. Team-mates Alan Mayes and Phil Driver were also around at the presentation to receive another ten dozen bottles on behalf of the team.

MABBUTT'S MISERY

WHILE Gary Mabbutt continues to hit the headlines for Tottenham and England, older brother Kevin's season has gone from bad to worse.

The former Bristol City striker hasn't played for Crystal Palace since injuring his pelvis in the 4-3 home defeat by Wolves at the end of November, and he now looks likely to miss the rest of the season.

"After I got the injury, the club decided that it would be better for me to rest rather than have an operation, which could have put me out for five months," says a dejected Kevin.

"Unfortunately, it was a gamble which doesn't seem to have paid off. I've only just started some light jogging, as well as swimming, but I've got a long way to go before I'm completely match fit."

But Kevin, who joined Palace just over a year ago in a £200,000 deal, still has hopes of helping Palace steer clear of the relegation zone.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I'll be able to get in a couple of games before the

end of the season, but if there's any chance of aggravating the injury then I'll just have to wait for the new season," says the 24-year-old, who, despite his long lay-off, is still the club's top scorer with ten goals.

■ BARRY Kitchener, known as 'Mr Millwall', has been axed as the club's youth team coach after 18 years' service with the Third Division club. The former central defender recently had a spell as caretaker-manager before the appointment of George Graham.

VALE RELY ON 'TERROR TWINS'

PORT Vale have enlisted the help of the 'Kray twins' this season in a bid to break out of the Fourth Division.

But it isn't the notorious London East Enders Ronnie and Reggie who are spearheading Vale's assault on promotion — it's strikers Ernie Moss and Bob Newton.

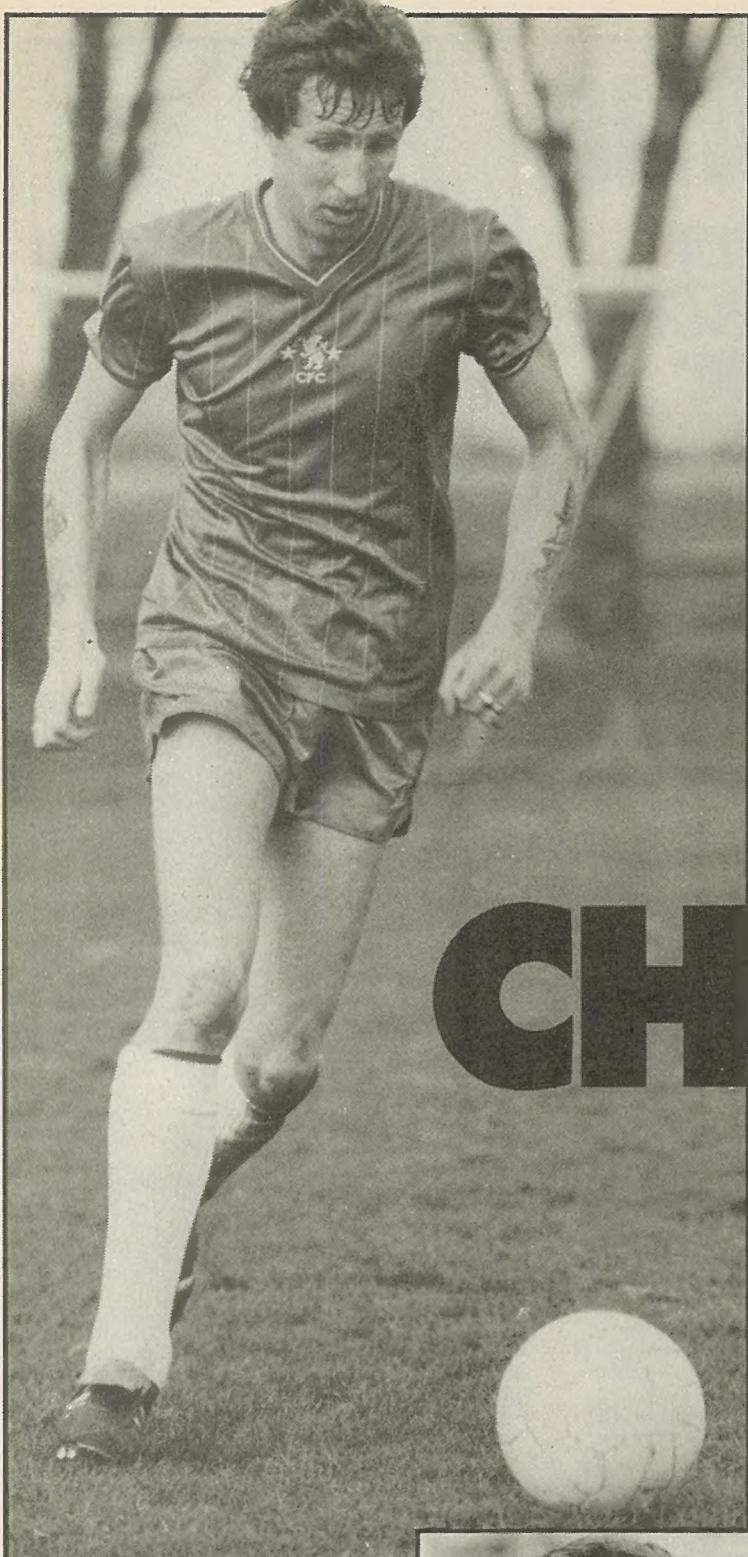
The duo are nicknamed the Kray twins by their team-mates. Explains manager John McGrath: "They are fear merchants in front of goal. They strike terror in defenders."

Bob joined up with Ernie this season following a £15,000 move from Hartlepool and the deadly duo have formed a lethal partnership which has already produced more than 20 goals this term.

■ NEW signing Neil Whatmore's hat-trick in the 5-1 defeat of Bradford City earlier this month was the first by an Oxford player for more than five years.

The last was achieved by Peter Foley against Chester in September, 1977.

But it's close on eleven years since any player scored a hat-trick against Liverpool. The last man to do it was Keith Weller for Leicester in August 1972.



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SPOTLIGHT on Chelsea — the slumbering giant struggling to restore its glossy image of a fashionable First Division club.

FULL-BACK Joey Jones believes Chelsea are poised on the brink of greatness.

Despite their lowly position in Division Two, Joey predicts: "It's only a matter of time before success will return to Stamford Bridge."

It is 12 years since Chelsea won a major trophy — the European Cup Winners' Cup — but the Welsh international can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"If we can maintain Second Division status, which I'm confident we will, I'm sure we'll go on to greater things," he says.

"It has been a disappointing season, but a good run now would restore confidence and give us a platform on which to build next season."

Joey joined Chelsea from Wrexham in October and he has already become a firm favourite with the fans.

"I always seem to have a good relationship with the home supporters," says Joey, whose clenched-fist salute to the crowd

Left: Joey Jones — "The fans at Chelsea are smashing."

'GREAT DAYS AHEAD' — JOEY JONES

before a game has become his trademark.

"I used to do that at Liverpool and Wrexham. Some people take it the wrong way and think I'm trying to incite the crowd, but that's nonsense."

"It's just my way of showing my appreciation to the crowd for turning up and it helps to get the fans 100 per cent behind us."

"I like to have a laugh and a joke with them and I think they enjoy it. The fans at Chelsea are smashing and I think the world of them."

Bearing in mind Chelsea's poor form this season, Joey is amazed at

CHARGED

COLIN Lee believes he could be the key to Chelsea's revival.

Manager John Neal has been scouring the country in search of a striker to boost his side's goal tally.

But Colin feels the answer could be a lot closer to home.

Following his switch from centre-forward to centre-half, the former Spurs player said: "I think I could still do a good job up front."

"I am the only big striker they have got and I think the team needs someone like me to act as a target man and create goals as well as score them."

Colin joined Chelsea from Spurs over two years ago and, for most of that time, he has been a regular centre-forward.

But earlier this season, John Neal decided to switch him to right-back and, following an injury to skipper Micky Droy, he then took over the number five shirt.

"I didn't mind dropping back into defence because I was just happy to be playing," he says. "But I must admit that I prefer playing up front."

"I wasn't too happy with my form at the time and the boss obviously thought I could do a better job at the back."

"But I think the problem was that the side wasn't playing to my strengths. I like to spend most of my time at the far post, where I can create chances for others or score goals myself."

"Unfortunately I wasn't getting the service because we weren't playing with a winger who could supply the crosses to the far post. If you don't get the ball, there's not a lot you can do."

Colin admits that it took him a few

Left: Colin Lee — "I prefer playing up front."

'MY PLACE IS UP FRONT' — COLIN LEE

games to adapt to his new position. "It seemed strange marking players instead of trying to lose them," he says.

"But I had played at full-back before during my early days at Bristol City and later at Spurs, so it wasn't completely foreign."

"I do miss the involvement in the game, however. Sometimes I come off at half-time and I haven't even broken sweat," says Colin, who has been out through injury in recent weeks.

He pulled a muscle during the game against Charlton recently and had to be substituted after scoring his side's equaliser in the 5-2 defeat.

"I went up to head the ball and tore the muscle in my ankle," he recalls. "It was very disappointing and just about sums up the luck we have had this season."

"It has been one of those seasons where nothing has gone right for us and I will be glad to see the back of it."

"But, although we have had a few injuries at the club, we haven't played to our full potential and have been very inconsistent."

"We seem to play well against the good teams, such as Wolves and QPR, but get beaten by the bad teams, which is stupid."

"I suppose it boils down to us having the wrong attitude and being a little unprofessional in our approach."

the number of fans who travel to away games.

"They are absolutely incredible," he says. "We go to away games and it's like playing at home. There are teams in the First Division who don't get support like that."

"I feel sorry for the fans really, because they have had little in the way of success in recent years. They deserve success and we have got to go out and achieve it for them."

"The last few seasons must have been really disappointing for them because at the start of each campaign they have been full of hope of going up, but it's not happened."

And promotion has eluded them again this year and the fight now is for Second Division survival.

"We desperately need points to stay in this division," says Joey, "but hopefully we can do that and make a serious challenge next season."

"Our away form has been pathetic and we have failed to pick up points against the lesser teams who we should really beat."

"It's incredible to think that a big club like Chelsea is in this position when, in many respects, it is a First Division outfit."

"Chelsea are as big as Liverpool or Manchester United and the name still has a First Division ring to it."

"But as I have said to some of the players at the club, just because we are Chelsea doesn't mean that we can't go down — no-one has a divine right to stay in any division."

"It's not the name which will keep us in Division Two, that can only be done by working hard and giving 100 per cent week in, week out."

Joey blames injuries and suspension for the side's inconsistency this season. "Since I came here in October, I don't think I have played in the same team twice."

"Most of the top teams have been able to keep a settled side, but we have not been so lucky. If we can steer clear of injuries for the rest of the season, I'm sure we will see a difference."

"A few good wins under our belts would work wonders and give us confidence for next season."

"The club is geared for success and I firmly believe it's just around the corner."

"We have got a good squad of players here and one which could hold its own in the top flight."

"We seem to have the right blend of skilful players, such as Mike Fillery and Clive Walker, and real battlers like myself, and it's only a matter of time before we fulfil our potential. This season has been a disaster, but I think next season will be a different story."

CHELSEA FACTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

1905 Elected to Division Two; 1907-10 Division One; 1910-12 Division Two; 1912-24 Division One; 1924-30 Division Two; 1930-62 Division One; 1962-63 Division Two; 1963-75 Division One; 1975-77 Division Two; 1977-79 Division One; 1979- Division Two.

HONOURS

Division One Champions, 1954-55; Division Two runners-up, 1906-07, 1911-12, 1929-30, 1962-63, 1976-77. FA Cup winners, 1970; runners-up, 1914-15, 1966-67. League Cup winners, 1964-65; runners-up, 1971-72. European Cup Winners' Cup winners, 1970-71.

LEAGUE PROGRESS SINCE WINNING EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP IN 1971.

Season	Division	Position
1971-72	One	7th
1972-73	One	12th
1973-74	One	17th
1974-75	One	21st
1975-76	Two	11th
1976-77	Two	2nd
1977-78	One	16th
1978-79	One	22nd
1979-80	Two	4th
1980-81	Two	12th
1981-82	Two	12th

MANAGERS SINCE 1971

Dave Sexton
Ron Stuart
Eddie McCreadie
Ken Sherrill
Danny Blanchflower
Geoff Hurst
John Neal

UP CHELSEA

AT the start of the season, Chelsea were among a group of clubs being tipped for promotion.

But while their predicted rivals — Fulham, Wolves and QPR — have lived up to their potential, the boys from Stamford Bridge have fallen by the wayside.

And now, with just ten games left to play, they have completely blown their chances of a return to the top flight and the threat of relegation is staring them straight in the face.

As skipper Micky Droy says: "We are in a position where we need points just to stay up, which is absolutely ridiculous."

"When we began the season, we had high hopes of getting back into the First Division, but we have seen our chances gradually slip away."

"With the squad of players we have at Chelsea we should be in the top four, yet we find ourselves three-quarters of the way down the table," adds the giant defender.

Chelsea's form has been as unpredictable as the weather and they have struggled all season to find any kind of consistency.

Says Micky: "We began the campaign steadily enough and earned creditable draws against several of the division's top teams."

"But we have been hit by a number of injuries to key players and we've been unable to keep a settled side. As a result, our game has suffered."

"We seem to win a game, draw one and then lose one, which is no good whatsoever. We have quite a good record at home, but our away form has been abysmal."

"We probably have one of the strongest squads in the Second Division, but we have struggled to get our game together and the season seems to have passed us by."

A clear example of the way Chelsea have blown hot and cold came during a frustrating spell after Christmas.

Following two away defeats at the hands of Shrewsbury (0-2) and Leicester (0-3) they rallied to give Cambridge a six-goal drubbing at Stamford Bridge.

But then followed another poor run when they lost to

'WE SHOULD BE IN THE TOP FOUR' — MICKY DROY

Wolves, Derby and Grimsby in successive weeks.

"It's very frustrating because it's difficult to put your finger on the reason why we are so inconsistent," says Micky.

"Everything seems to go well in training during the week leading up to a game but, on the day, we seem to freeze, especially away from home."

"We have been forced to change formation quite a lot, which hasn't helped. But the main problem is we don't score enough goals," he says.

Micky believes Chelsea need a few more players, including a couple of strikers, to strengthen the squad to make a realistic challenge next season.

And he thinks that if the club had signed Swansea striker Bob Latchford it would have gone a long way towards solving the problem.

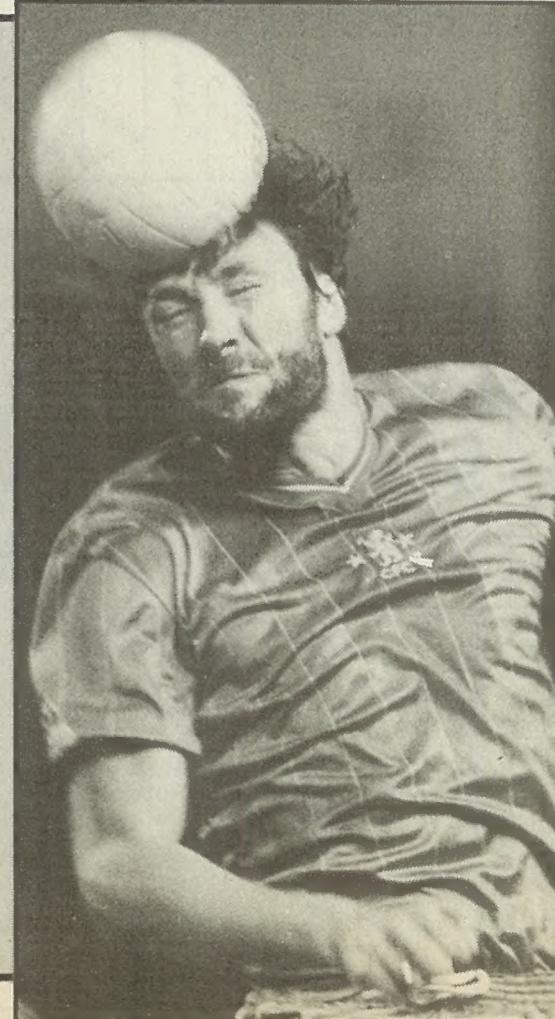
He says: "Obviously someone who can score twenty goals in the First Division would have been a great asset."

"Promotion next season is essential because the fans have become disillusioned and want First Division football."

Micky, who signed a new contract with the London club at the start of the season, is now back in action after missing six games through injury.

He pulled a thigh muscle during the FA Cup tie at Derby in January but made his first team comeback in a friendly against a Swedish club last week.

Right: Micky Droy — "Our away form has been abysmal."



Milk Cup Final '83

THE MEN IN FORM

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HERE IT IS: exclusive to Match Weekly readers... the most comprehensive dossier you'll find anywhere on the teams competing for the Milk Cup.

There's a fact-packed run down on the Milk Cup form of all the Liverpool and Manchester United players compiled from our regular 'Match Facts' guide.

Use our unique charts, based on all their games in

the Milk Cup this season, to find out who the key players will be on the day and where the game may be won or lost.

See how the two teams compare in every department...

LIVERPOOL



Players:

	IPSWICH (A) 2-1 (Rush 2)	IPSWICH (H) 2-0 (Whean, Lawrenson)	ROTHERHAM (H) 1-0 (Johnston)	NORWICH (H) 2-0 (Lawrenson, Fairclough)	WEST HAM (H) 2-1 (Hodgson, Souness)	BURNLEY (H) 3-0 (Souness, Hodgson, Neal/pen)	BURNLEY (A) 0-1
Grobbaelaar	7	7	6	5	6	8	6.42
Neal	7	6	6	4	7	8*	6.71
Kennedy	8	6	5	4	7	6	6.14
Thompson	8	7	5	4	7	7	6.00
Whelan	7	6	7	7	6	7	6.50
Hansen	7	7	7	7	7	7	6.85
Dalglish	7	8*	8	8	7	8	7.33
Lee	7	6	6	8	6	8	6.85
Rush	8	6	7	7	6	7	6.85
Lawrenson	7	7	8*	8	6	7	7.14
Souness	9*	6	7	7	7	6	7.28
Johnston			7	7	6	7	6.60
Hodgson			7	8*	8	6	7.25
Fairclough				9*			9.00

Leading scorers: Souness, Rush, Lawrenson, Hodgson (2 each)

Top player: Dalglish 7.33 (plus one star man award)

Goals for: 12

Against: 3

TEAM RATING **6.92**

*Man of the Match

MAN UTD



Players:

	BOURNEMOUTH (H) 2-0 (Redknapp og. Stapleton)	BOURNEMOUTH (A) 2-2 (Coppell pen, Muhran)	BRADFORD CITY (A) 0-0	BRADFORD CITY (H) 4-1 (Moses, Albiston, Moran, Coppell)	SOUTHAMPTON (H) 2-0 (McQueen, Whiteside)	NOTT'N FOREST (H) 4-0 (McQueen 2, Robson, Coppell)	ARSENAL (A) 4-2 (Coppell 2, Whiteside, Stapleton)	ARSENAL (H) 2-1 (Moran, Coppell)
Bailey	6	8*	7	6	6	6	6	6.37
Duxbury	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6.50
Albiston	6	6	6	6	5	5	7	6.12
Wilkins	8*	7	7	6	6	7	7	7.50
Moran	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	6.33
McQueen	6	6	9*	7	6	6	6	6.71
Robson	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6.85
Grimes	6	6	6	6	7	6	8	6.00
Stapleton	6	6	7	6	7	6	6	6.50
Beardsley	6	6	7	6	5	6	7	6.00
Whiteside	6	6	7	7	6	6	7	6.66
Moses	6	7(S)	7	7	6	7	7	6.57
Macari		7		6	7	7	6	6.50
Buchan		6		8*	6	7	7	7.00
Muhran		7		7	7	8	8	6.85
Coppell		8		7	7	8	8	7.42
McGrath				7			7	7.00

Leading scorer: Coppell 6

Top player: (3 games to qualify)

Coppell 7.42

Goals for: 20

Against: 6

(S) denotes substitute

TEAM RATING **6.64**

*Man of the Match

LIVERPOOL V MAN UTD

6.42	Grobbaelaar	Bailey	6.37
6.71	Neal	Duxbury	6.50
6.14	Kennedy	Albiston	6.12
7.14	Lawrenson	Moran	6.33
6.85	Hansen	McQueen	6.71
6.85	Lee	Moses	6.57
7.28	Souness	Muhran	6.85
6.50	Whelan	Robson	6.85
6.60	Johnston	Coppell	7.42
6.85	Rush	Stapleton	6.50
7.33	Dalglish	Whiteside	6.66
74.67	Total	Total	72.88
6.78	Average	Average	6.62

Only players involved in at least three ties qualify.

LIVERPOOL are set to win the Football League's Milk Cup for a record third successive year.

That's our verdict based on the form shown by the two teams on the road to the Wembley showdown.

Liverpool have the edge in every department even though United scored eight more goals en route to their first-ever Milk Cup Final.

The marks alongside each player are averages of the ratings they received in the Milk Cup games this season, and they make fascinating reading.

Even if England skipper Bryan

Robson wins his fitness battle, Liverpool appear to have the bigger guns in the crucial midfield zone with skipper Graeme Souness sure to be a key figure.

United have a trump card in Steve Coppell, the top scorer in the competition with six goals, but the Liverpool strike force of Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush have been superior to Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside.

The two tables above show how we arrived at our average ratings — giving you each individual mark awarded to the players in the Milk Cup clashes.

BRAZIL'S BOMBSHELL!

SCOTTISH striker Alan Brazil thought his dreams of playing for Manchester United had come true when Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson told him a First Division club wanted to sign him.

United's name had been constantly linked with the 23-year-old Scottish international throughout his three months on the transfer list, and he had every reason to believe that the Milk Cup finalists had finally made their move.

So it came as a real shock when the manager revealed that it was Tottenham, and not United, who had come in with the £500,000 Ipswich were prepared to accept for their unsettled striker.

But after signing a four-year contract with the FA Cup holders, Alan admitted he wasn't disappointed that he hadn't signed for United.

"It's everybody's dream to play for Manchester United. They are one of the biggest clubs in the world and when I heard about their interest in me I was over the moon," he says.

"It didn't happen, but it couldn't have worked out any better for me. You can't get much bigger than Tottenham. They are a big club with great players and I'm looking forward to achieving some success at White Hart Lane.

"I hadn't even considered joining Tottenham and that's why it came as a real shock when Mr Ferguson told me in his office after we had arrived back from West Brom on the Saturday night.

"There had been no rumours or speculation and, anyway, I thought they had enough top class strikers anyway.

"Everything happened so quickly. I went to Tottenham on the Sunday and, after talking things over with my wife, I signed three days later.

"I'm glad it's all over because I've had my future on my mind these past few months, but I'm not blaming that for my lack of form."

And Alan hotly refutes suggestions that constant rows with manager Bobby Ferguson were the main reason for him wanting to leave Portman Road.

"My reasons for leaving Ipswich have nothing to do with the manager," he stresses.

"I admit we've had our quarrels but that's only because I always speak my mind and don't

Spurs move
comes out
of the blue



bottle up my feelings like other players. But I've nothing against him or the club.

"Ipswich has been my second home. I grew up there and learned the trade, so I owe everything to that club and I will always appreciate what they have done for me over the past eight years.

"But I felt I was at a stage in my career where I needed a fresh challenge, a new impetus to give me lift and restore my confidence.

"We've had a lot of successful times at Ipswich over the past few years, but this season has been disappointing and it has got me down.

"I'm a player who wants to do well all the time, and I've been annoyed with myself for the way I have played this season.

"There have been a few games where I have played as well as at any time in my career but, overall, I've been disappointed with my form.

"It has a lot to do with confidence. I've hit the woodwork so many times this season that your confidence takes a knock, and I felt a move from Ipswich would probably help me get back in the groove.

"But I'm certain Ipswich will bounce back again. They have the ability to produce exciting young talent, and they'll be back among the top teams again, probably not next season, but the one after.

"I leave Ipswich with plenty of happy memories, notably my five-goal show against Southampton last season and our UEFA Cup success.

"On the other hand, I was disappointed with our FA Cup Semi-Final defeat against Manchester City and our failure to win the Championship after going so close on several occasions."

After settling in with Tottenham, Alan will set his sights on reclaiming his place in the Scotland squad.

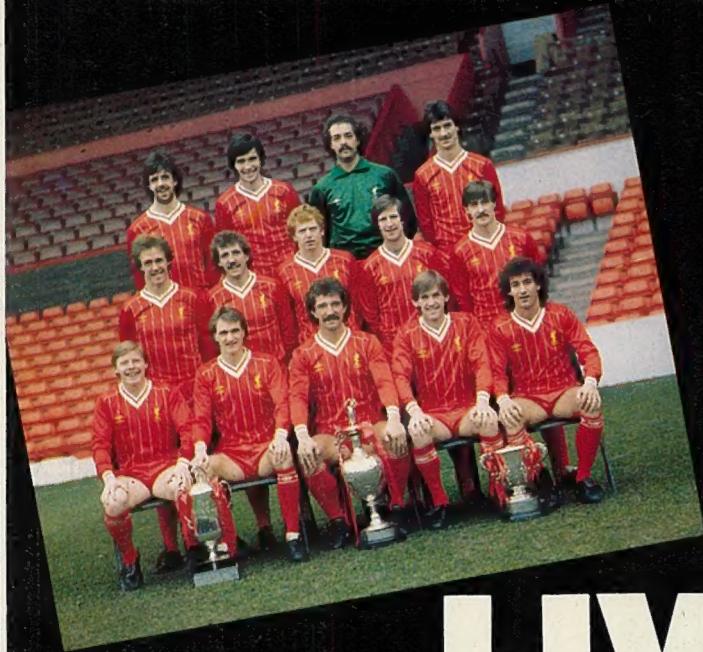
BRAZIL FACTS

League debut: January, 1978.
League appearances: 154.
League goals: 70.
League Cup goals: 3.
FA Cup goals: 6.
Scottish caps: 9.

Below: Alan Brazil celebrates one of the five goals he scored against Southampton at Portman Road last season.



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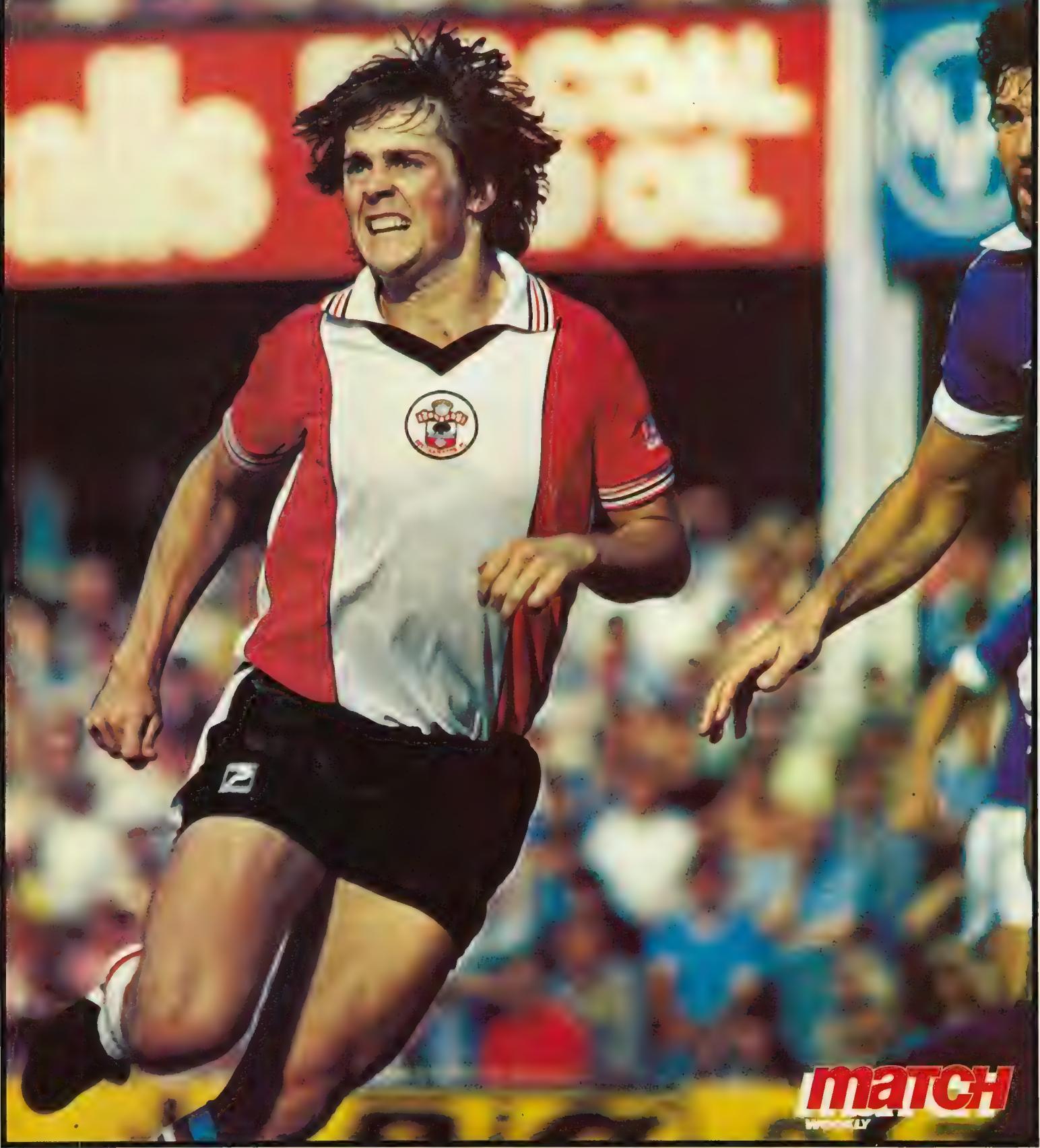
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CONTINUING the fascinating American experiences of former Sheffield United and Watford manager Ken Furphy. Now back in England, he's telling all—exclusive to 'Match'.

THE score stood at 7-2 to Detroit and Trevor Francis had scored five!

Jokingly, I shouted: "If you score another you can come off".

Taking a short pass, he exploded into a run that took him past Cosmos' front and midfield lines.

He came face to face with Franz Beckenbauer, turned on a little more pace, went past him as if he wasn't there and blasted the ball past the goalkeeper.

Over 25,000 fans were on their feet—dazzled by his sheer pace and brilliance.

I am certain that wherever Trevor has played since and will play in the future, the success he enjoyed with Detroit must go down as a period during which he showed a consistent brilliance he will never, ever, match again . . .

My first season in Detroit had been underway for a few weeks and, after winning the first two opening games, we had run into an injury problem with ex-Leicester forward Steve Earle. Goals were hard to come by.

Alan Brazil, an eighteen-year-old centre-forward was on his way out on loan from Ipswich, but the news that Trevor Francis might be joining us was hard to believe.

I had heard rumours that he was joining Noel Cantwell at the New England Teamen and I knew that we could not match their wage structure so I did not really believe that there was any possibility of him playing for us.

However, a phone call from Jimmy Hill in London confirmed that he had agreed terms and Trevor would be making his mind up that week.

I flew back from America to a meeting at Jimmy's house in the Cotswolds where the stage was set to convince Trevor that he should join us and not New England.

When Trevor arrived, I immediately took him into an adjoining room and explained the situation that existed in America and some reasons why he should join the Express.

We joined the rest of the 'team' which included Gordon Milne and Ron Wylie (then Coventry manager and coach) as well as John Camkin.

It was to be a long session but at last Trevor made his mind up and he duly signed the forms. He was later to admit to me that he had originally intended to sign for Cantwell and had only agreed to the meeting out of courtesy. So the combined weight of the Detroit Express, Coventry City and the BBC had won the day.

Trevor's eventual arrival could not have been better staged. We held a Press conference at the airport and the media turned out en masse. If there is anything the Americans like it is a superstar. Their whole sport revolves around one or two outstanding players and they attract a tremendous following.

His first game ended in a draw and so did the over-time period, so Trevor got an immediate taste of the 'shoot-out' confrontation with five players from each team taking alternate attempts on a run and shot from 35 yards with a time limit of five seconds to get in the shot.

Sure enough, just like 'Wonderful Wilson' in the old-time comics, Trevor ran up and blasted the winning goal past the keeper.

The excitement was intense and Trevor was already home and dry with the fans.

The shoot-out was to haunt me all the time I was in America due to its uncertainty, but it had its funny moments as well as its tragic ones.



KEN FURPHY'S

AMERICA

SIX-HIT

TREVOR

TROUNCES

COSMOS



Trevor Francis signs for Detroit Express at Jimmy Hill's home in the Cotswolds. I'm the good looking one!

Dave Bradford, formerly of Sheffield United and Blackburn Rovers was really our star performer.

He would run at the goalkeeper, stop completely on the edge of the box, roll the ball onto his instep and calmly lob the onrushing 'keeper. Under pressure, it was not an easy skill to perform successfully.

Another method was to put your toe under the ball and, on the referee's signal, lift the ball into a bouncing position towards the goal. Depending on what the goalkeeper was doing you could then lob him or blast a volley past him.

Peter Carr, the former Carlisle player, attempted this method but as he lifted the ball his boot flew high into the air and the ball bounced straight to the 'keeper!

The worst was that we had televised the game back to Detroit and he was never to hear the last of it.

Trevor, however, really demonstrated to the fans that he was a world class player and gave them an immediate yardstick by which to measure other players' quality and performance.

In fact a year later, we were really hoisted by our own petard in that, whatever the cost, we had to have Trevor back.

The following season we had arranged a pre-season game against the mighty Cosmos, now bolstered by such stars as Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto and Van der Elst.

You name the player and they just about

had them all.

We, due to the financial crisis that had developed in the club, had committed ourselves to a sizeable fee to the Cosmos and it was decided to bring out Trevor just for the one game.

I wanted to get permission from the English Football Association but the decision was taken by others that it would be too much hassle to go through the necessary request. Legally it seemed, as long as Nottingham let him go, there would be no problem. I was also assured that he was insured for the game and Trevor set off on Concorde.

Then we learned with horror that his entry visa had expired and that he would almost certainly be turned back at the airport.

The general manager got to work and Trevor was allowed into the States. Don't ask me how, I just do not know!

It was to turn out to be a personal triumph for Trevor.

Cosmos were playing the last game of an extensive tour and had front office problems but they were still not going to be easy meat.

They just could not hold Trevor however—he literally tore them apart.

It was some weeks later that I learned the front office had been unable to get him insured in time for the game!

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MIDLANDS MARVELS

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The European Champions have been the top team in the Midlands over the past ten seasons.

They top our exclusive league table of domestic performances during that period, with Wolves pipping Coventry and West Brom for second place — just three points separates the three clubs.

Villa proved to be the most consistent team in the League and just shaded the strong claims of Nottingham Forest in the League Cup section.

But it is Wolves, beaten in three Semi-Finals since 1972-73, who take the FA Cup honours, just one point ahead of near-neighbours West Brom.

Our league table is based on points awarded for final positions in each season. For example, Villa collected the maximum 92 points in 1980-81 for winning the Championship, while at the other

VILLA TOP THE CHARTS

AN exclusive 'Match Weekly' survey reveals which team really can boast to be the Midlands' best. Research by Melvyn Beck.

end of the scale, Mansfield picked up just five points last season after finishing fifth from bottom in the Fourth Division.

In the two cup competitions, points were given for progress each season with teams getting ten points for winning a trophy, eight for finishing beaten finalists and six for making the Quarter-Finals.

Teams had to win at least one tie to collect any points on the sliding

scale.

Although Coventry haven't qualified for Europe since the early seventies and are still to win a major honour, they are second to Villa in the League table.

And Nottingham Forest's three successive League Cup Finals leaves them within two points of Villa in that section.

But, like Forest, Villa also won the trophy twice, and better progress in other seasons just

gives them the edge.

However, Villa are some way adrift of Wolves in the FA Cup table.

It's 15 years since a Midlands team last won the FA Cup when West Brom defeated Everton, but Wolves reached three Semi-Finals and that was just sufficient to pip Albion.

Surprisingly, Stoke have the worst FA Cup record in the Midlands, the Potteries side having fallen at the first hurdle in the past six seasons.

But the League Cup performances of Shrewsbury and Port Vale have been even more depressing.

Prior to this season, Shrewsbury had only made progress once in seven years, while Vale managed just two successes in ten seasons.

Leicester's League Cup record is nothing to shout about either. They have failed to win a single game on seven occasions in the past ten years.

FINAL TABLE

Team	League points	Lge Cup points	FA Cup points	Total
Aston Villa	790	45	22	857
Wolves	780	30	35	845
Coventry	786	28	30	844
West Brom	778	31	34	843
Derby	782	20	27	829
Nott'm Forest	745	43	28	816
Birmingham	766	20	22	808
Stoke	771	23	7	801
Leicester	734	10	29	773
Notts. Co.	616	25	15	656
Shrewsbury	417	4	20	441
Chesterfield	348	18	8	374
Walsall	334	9	15	358
Hereford	248	7	14	269
Port Vale	248	4	14	266
Mansfield	227	14	14	255

LEAGUE

Team	Points
Aston Villa	790
Coventry	786
Derby	782
Wolves	780
West Brom	778
Stoke	771
Birmingham	766
Nott'm Forest	745
Leicester	734
Notts County	616
Shrewsbury	417
Chesterfield	348
Walsall	334
Hereford	248
Port Vale	248
Mansfield	227

LEAGUE CUP

Team	Points
Aston Villa	45
Nott'm Forest	43
West Brom	31
Wolves	30
Coventry	28
Notts County	25
Stoke	23
Birmingham	20
Nott'm Forest	18
Chesterfield	14
Leicester	10
Walsall	9
Hereford	7
Shrewsbury	4
Port Vale	4

FA CUP

Team	Points
Wolves	35
West Brom	34
Coventry	30
Leicester	29
Nott'm Forest	28
Derby	27
Aston Villa	22
Birmingham	22
Shrewsbury	20
Notts County	15
Walsall	15
Port Vale	14
Mansfield	14
Hereford	14
Chesterfield	8
Stoke	7



LEFT: Two-goal hero Gary Shelton salutes the crowd after putting Wednesday in front.

RIGHT: Andy McCulloch climbs above Burnley full-back Willie Donachie to head Wednesday into a 4-0 lead early in the second half.

BELOW: Burnley goalkeeper Alan Stevenson is left stranded as Gary Shelton puts Wednesday ahead after 17 minutes.



WEDNESDAY

GARY GRABS THE GLORY

SHEFFIELD Wednesday hero Gary Shelton has already done a lap of honour around Wembley in front of 100,000 fans even though he's never played in a Cup Final.

The midfield star, whose two goals sent Wednesday on their way to a dramatic 5-0 FA Cup Quarter-Final victory over Burnley, has already tasted the rarified Wembley air on that magical May afternoon.

That was back in 1976 just before the FA Cup Final between West Ham and Fulham and Gary was one of the players invited to take part in a special race around the pitch.

He says: "I was a teenager at Walsall and every club who had reached the last 16 of the competition that year were invited to select a player to take part in the race.

"I was lucky enough to be Walsall's nomination and although I didn't win the race I was more than pleased with my fourth place.

"Even coming out of the tunnel for that race I felt the tremendous Wembley atmosphere. It was really something special. I'd love to sample it again as a member of an FA Cup Final team."

Gary admits that his team won't get a better chance of making it to Wembley. Only First Division strugglers Brighton now block their way.

The Yorkshire club thundered into the last four after a Quarter-Final Replay in front of a massive 41,000 Hillsborough

crowd. So many fans in the soccer-mad city wanted to see the tie, that the match kick-off was put back 15 minutes to make sure everyone got in.

And Gary paid tribute to the club's fanatical support. He says: "The crowd were magical. There's no doubt in my mind that they helped us win the game.

"They certainly got to the Burnley players," says Gary who scored Wednesday's opening goals in the 17th and 27th minutes.

"After the second goal went in the fans just never stopped singing. It wasn't the biggest crowd I've played in front of, but it certainly was the noisiest."

Gary shocked his team-mates with his double goal blast. He admits: "I was beginning to feel a bit anxious after going 18 games without scoring."

Both goals came courtesy of Burnley's Brian Flynn. The first was scored after a poor back-pass and the second came via a ricochet off the unlucky Welsh international.

"It was a game Brian will want to forget because he was booked as well," says Gary, who joined Wednesday from Aston Villa for £50,000 a year ago.

"I came so close to scoring a

hat-trick. That third goal would have really added the icing on the cake.

"Gary Megson even offered to let me take the penalty, but looking back I'm glad I didn't. We were 2-0 up at the time and needed the goal to make sure."

"It was a fantastic game and much of the credit for that has to go to Burnley. Even when they were four goals down they never gave up."

After the game the players celebrated by drinking pints of milk, but Gary says: "It tasted just like champagne."

"The atmosphere in the dressing room was electric. Everyone was bubbling over."

Gary admits that when the Sheffield Wednesday players heard the draw for the Semi-Finals, it was just the incentive they needed to put on a super show against Burnley.

"The fact that we'd be playing Brighton if we beat Burnley spurred us on. All the players wanted to avoid Arsenal or Manchester United."

"I'm sure that the Brighton players felt the same way," says Gary.

"If we play anything like we did against Burnley in the replay there's no reason why we can't get to Wembley. That would be a dream come true for all



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Gary Shelton strikes again. Burnley goalkeeper Alan Stevenson is left helpless as the former Aston Villa player scores his second goal after 27 minutes.

ON THE WARPATH

the players.

"We are being constantly reminded by the fans that the last time Wednesday reached the FA Cup Final was back in 1966 and on their way they were drawn away in every round.

"The same thing has happened to us this season and we're hoping that's a good omen."

Gary doesn't believe that the club's FA Cup exploits have had a bad effect on their chase for promotion. He says: "It could be good for us."

"We're still in the promotion hunt and our success in the FA Cup could give us just the boost we need in the League."

Gary was signed on a month's loan by Wednesday manager Jack Charlton last season even though he'd never seen the midfielder play.

"I was recommended to the manager by assistant Maurice Setters," says Gary.

"I was getting really fed up at Aston Villa because I couldn't force my way into the first team. No matter how well I played I always seemed to be in the reserves."

Gary made an instant impact on Jack Charlton. He explains: "The first time he saw me play was in a practice match and I scored with my first touch of the ball."

"I was delighted when the move was made permanent because Wednesday are a First Division set-up and I believe we've got the players here who can bring success back to the club."

"The fans haven't had the success that they deserve. That's why the Cup run has captivated their attention."



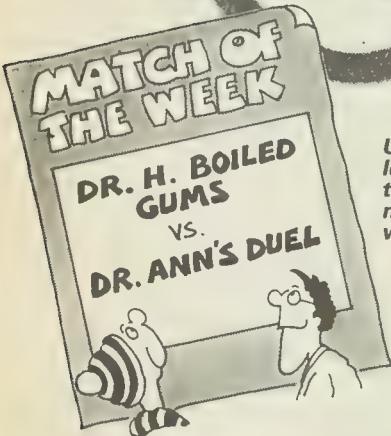
LEFT: Gary Megson, whose father Don skippered Wednesday on their last Wembley appearance, virtually seals the issue with the third goal from the penalty spot five minutes before half-time.

BETWEEN: It's all smiles in the Wednesday dressing room. They toast their 5-0 replay drubbing of Burnley in milk but it will be something stronger if they beat Brighton in the Semi-Finals.





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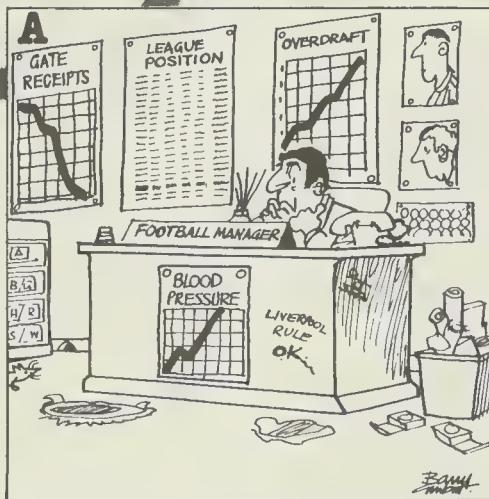


Unravel the letters to find this week's match of the week.

MASKED MAN

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The answer to last week's 'Masked Man' competition was Nottingham Forest full-back Kenny Swain.



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PLAYER MUDDLE

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FILL in the missing blanks in this football story featuring international goalkeeper Pat Jennings...

Pat Jennings began his career with ... before moving to ... and then joining his present club ...

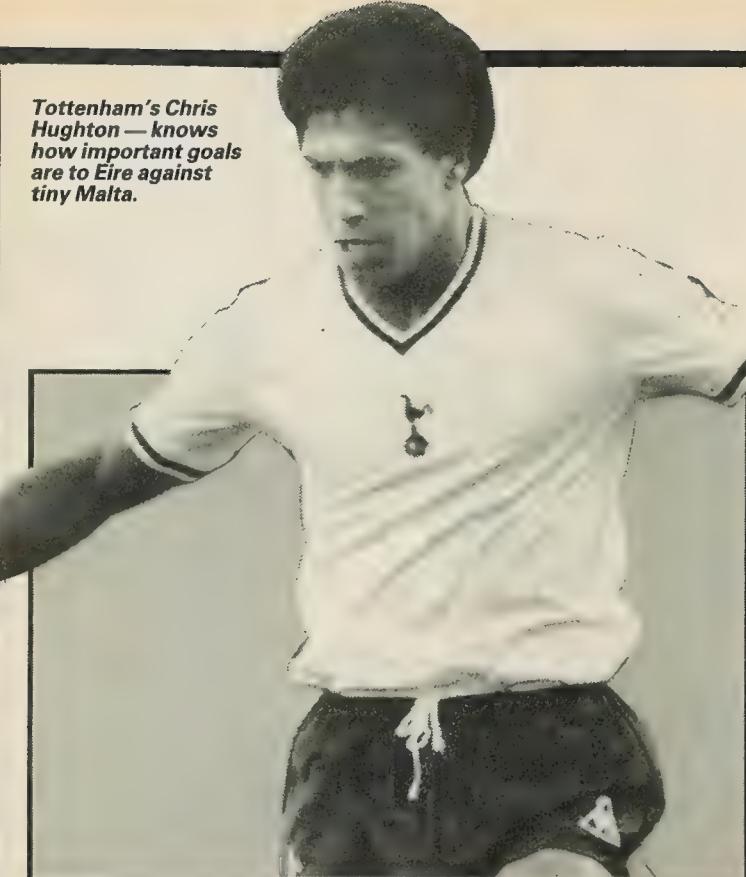
He has made close on 100 international appearances for ... but has been competing with ... for the number one jersey at Highbury this season.

Match 'em up

Match up these Second Division goalkeepers on the left with their clubs on the right.

1 Bob Bolder	a) Cambridge
2 Malcolm Webster	b) Grimsby
3 Vince O'Keefe	c) Sheff. Wed.
4 Nigel Batch	d) Blackburn

Tottenham's Chris Hughton — knows how important goals are to Eire against tiny Malta.



GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	APts
Holland	4	2	1	1	9	3
Spain	3	2	1	0	5	3
EIRE	3	1	1	1	6	5
Malta	2	1	0	1	2	2
Iceland	3	0	1	2	1	4

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	APts
ENGLAND	3	2	1	0	14	2
Denmark	2	1	1	0	4	3
Greece	2	1	0	1	2	3
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0

PREVIOUS RESULTS AGAINST GREECE:

Apr. 21, 1971 — ENGLAND 3, Greece 0 (Wembley) E.C.

Dec. 1, 1971 — Greece 0, ENGLAND 2 (Athens) E.C.

Nov. 17, 1982 — Greece 0, ENGLAND 3 (Salonika) E.C.

IRISH GOALS CHASE

just to see how we would fare against some of the more powerful nations.

"But, while we have dropped a home point to Spain, I feel that Holland will be the biggest threat. They looked strong and solid when they defeated us 2-1 over there at the beginning of the season."

WE can make history repeat itself at Wembley next week and, in doing so, England can march on to the European Championship Finals.

The only other time Greece came here was back in 1971 when we defeated them 3-0 in the same competition.

We went on to win the qualifying section with an unbeaten record to reach the Finals, where we lost to the eventual winners West Germany in the Quarter-Finals.

After our impressive 3-0 win in Salonika last November, I'm convinced we'll produce an equally convincing victory as our predecessors achieved at Wembley nearly 12 years ago.

That confident prediction is based on the way we stifled the

Below: The goal that set England on the way to an impressive 3-0 win in Greece last November, slid home by Arsenal's Tony Woodcock after just two minutes.

Greeks over there in a hostile atmosphere.

We'll need an early goal at Wembley to shatter their illusions and quell their passion, just as we did in Greece.

Then we'll need to pressurise them in midfield to deny them any chance to parade their talents.

The Greeks cannot be underestimated. They have some very skilful players if they are allowed to play.

But if players like Sammy Lee, Gary Mabbutt and Bryan Robson, assuming he's fit, go about their business again in the middle of the field, then we'll have no real problems.

It was the sterling work put in by those three, aided by winger Tony Morley, that provided the platform for our victory in Greece.

Manager Bobby Robson is always impressing on players to regain possession in the attacking third of the field, rather in the way that Watford operate.

And he's also keen for midfield players and defenders to hit early

EIRE pay their first visit to Malta next week knowing that a simple two points might not be enough to boost their chances of reaching the European Championship Finals.

They remember only too well that it was goal difference that denied them a place in last year's World Cup Finals.

And, with group leaders Holland having already put six past Malta on the tiny island, the pressure is on the Irish to produce a similar demolition job.

"We know we are on a hiding to nothing," says Tottenham full back Chris Hughton.

"If we win 4-0, it will be expected but, if we lose, then that would be a real disaster. We could say goodbye to our chances of qualifying."

"Obviously it's important that we return with both points, but it's equally important that we get a few goals."

Dangers

"I regard Holland as the biggest dangers to our chances of reaching France, and they have already established a commanding goal difference."

But Chris knows it won't be easy in Malta, who have already beaten Iceland, the team that virtually ended Wales' World Cup hopes last season with a 2-2 draw.

"Tottenham played the Israel national side in December and we were surprised how much these smaller football nations had come on," he says.

"Malta have got to be respected and we can't afford to take any chances in the hunt for goals."

"This is the strongest Eire team I've played in, and it would be great to get through to the Finals



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

ENGLAND v GREECE . . .

MALTA v EIRE . . .

ENGLAND and Eire face crucial European Championship games next week on the road leading to the 1984 Finals. England need to leave the Greeks in ruins at Wembley and Eire hope to turn the sunshine holiday island of Malta into a paradise of goals.

Here, 'Match' columnist Paul Mariner looks at England's chances of completing the 'double' over Greece, and Tottenham's Chris Hughton assesses Eire's task in Malta.

PLAN TO LEAVE IN RUINS

balls to the front men, provided there are opportunities for a quick riposte.

In simple terms, we must play the English way.

The Greeks won't relish a visit to Wembley knowing they will have to battle to get any joy.

That win in Greece, coupled with the 9-0 slaughter of Luxembourg and the priceless point in Denmark, has set us up to qualify for the Finals.

After next week's match, we have home games to come against Denmark and Hungary, and so by the time we travel to Hungary next October, we could be virtually home and dry.

That's why I find it strange that the Football League have agreed to postpone all First Division games on the Saturday prior to that game.

If they can manage just one free Saturday, then I would have thought it would be more beneficial at this stage to postpone matches before the game with Denmark next month.

In my book, Denmark, and not

Hungary, are the team to fear in our group.

Denmark have some very talented individual players and there are signs of them emerging as a real force in European soccer.

To me, the match at Wembley next month could be the most vital judging by the way the Danes played against us in the 2-2 draw last September.

Unless Hungary have dramatically improved since we defeated them twice en route to the World Cup Finals, then Denmark are the ones to watch.

If we can clear the next two hurdles at Wembley — Greece and Denmark — then we shall be right of course to clinch our place in the Finals — maybe needing only a point or so from our last two away games.



● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

OUT-OF-FORM VISITORS

GREECE have been busy on the international circuit since their 3-0 home defeat by England last November.

But they have met with little success, losing three of their four friendlies.

Their only success was a slender 1-0 home victory over little Cyprus three days before Christmas.

Prior to that, they had lost 3-1 to Switzerland in Athens and last month they went down by the same score against Rumania in Larissa and also lost in East Germany.

They went down 2-1 in Dresden with a team that showed five changes from the one beaten by England in Salonika.

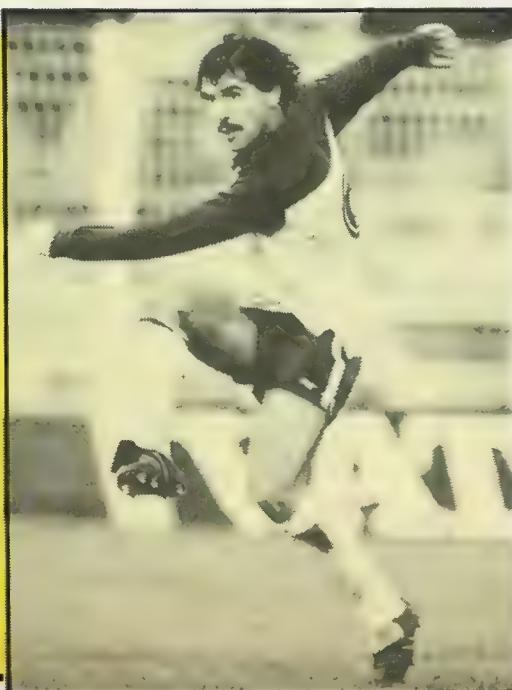
There was a completely new midfield in the shape of Aivasidis, Kousoulakis and Kouis and two new defenders in Karoulias and Galitzios.

But the strike force of Anastopoulos, Arditoglou and Mitropoulos was the same with Arditoglou getting the only goal.

The full line-up against East Germany was: Saganis; Gounaris, Karoulias, Galitzios, Nihos; Aivasidis, Kousoulakis, Kouis; Anastopoulos, Arditoglou, Mitropoulos.

Right: Greece striker Anastopoulos is one man England will have to keep a careful eye on at Wembley.

THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN



Paul Mariner —
confident that
England can beat
Greece
convincingly.



LIVERPOOL







Kenny Burns

'Match' photographer Philip Bagnall takes you into the other world of Leeds' Scottish international defender...

Top left: Kenny lines up for a team shot with his wife Louise, daughter Emma (4) and family Collie, Shandy.

Top right: Rock on! Kenny and Emma enjoy a little horse play...

Far right: Golf fan Kenny sets off for a round from his home near Leeds. "I like to play twice a week when I can. There are five or six keen players at Elland Road — among them Frank and Eddie Gray, Arthur Graham and Kevin Hird."

Right: Kenny pictured with his fine collection of soccer trophies. The one he's holding is a solid silver replica of the European Cup from his days with Nottingham Forest. "Brian Clough got one made for each of the lads. It's beautiful but they are all a bit special." Notice the Match Weekly 'Matchman of the Month' award, which Kenny collected during his days with Forest.



THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN

THE JOKE'S ON BAYERN!

THE Bayern Munich players thought we were daft when John McMaster and I made a mess of a free-kick just outside the box.

But while the Germans were still falling about laughing at us, I chipped the ball to Alex McLeish and he headed the vital goal which set us on our way to Aberdeen's first ever European Semi-Final.

The free-kick was make or break for us. We were 2-1 down against mighty Bayern with just 14 minutes to go and it was time to be brave and try something out of the ordinary.

The ploy was so simple, John and I would appear to make a hash of the kick and, while our opponents were off their guard, I'd chip the ball into the penalty area.

To make the trick even more convincing, we swore at each other as we went over the ball. Dieter Hoeness was only a couple of yards away and he was convinced we were stupid.

Groaned

The crowd played their part as well. They groaned when we fluffed the first attempt. A great cheer of relief went up when the goal finally went in.

The trick isn't something new. We've used it a couple of times before but had to shelve it when it was shown on television last season. We banked on the Germans not knowing about it.

There's no doubt that was the turning point in the game. The younger lads in the side

The Aberdeen ace talks of his club's spectacular 3-2 win over Bayern Munich in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Final and looks forward to Scotland's European Championship tie against Switzerland.

were beginning to feel the pressure and the goal was just the boost they needed.

We really showed our character against Bayern. To come from behind twice and win was a marvellous achievement.

Now Aberdeen are Britain's only representatives in Europe and it's a banner we carry with pride even though it puts extra pressure on us.

After beating the star-studded Bayern side, we've got no reason to fear any of the other teams left in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

I must admit that Paul Breitner was a big disappointment to me over the two-legs. He didn't do anything. I'd expected exciting things from him after talking to my Scotland team-mate Steve Archibald. He said the West German star was brilliant against Spurs.

But young Neale Cooper didn't give him a chance to play and he hustled him out of the game.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

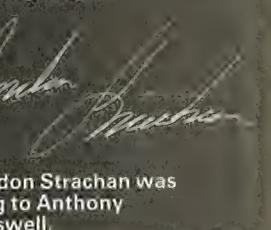
showed his usual touches of genius, but defender Willie Miller picked him up when he came close to goal.

One player who particularly impressed me in the German side was sweeper Klaus Augenthaler. He's the best player I've seen for a long time.

He's strong, fit and loves to get into goalscoring positions. The goal he scored against us didn't surprise me

because we'd seen video recordings of him scoring from long range.

• Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawksworth.



SWISS ON A PEAK

SWITZERLAND are currently enjoying their most successful period since before the last war.

Since Paul Wolfisberg took over as manager 18 games ago, they have only lost three — to Hungary, Spain and Belgium.

And among their victims were World Champions Italy, who were beaten 1-0 in their first game after their success in Spain.

Since their 2-0 defeat of Scotland in Berne last November, Switzerland have won 3-1 in Greece and drawn 1-1 in Bulgaria, the goal in that game coming from former Nottingham Forest forward Raimonde Ponte, who is now playing for Grasshoppers.

Star striker Claudio Sulser was absent from that international earlier this month because he wasn't considered match-fit following a knee operation, but he is expected to be at Hampden in place of Servette's Jean-Paul Brigger.

It's expected that Switzerland will play the same team that toppled Scotland, six of the players coming from Grasshoppers: Eric Burgener (Servette); Heinz Ludi (Zurich), Andre Egl, Heinz Hermann, Alain Geiger, Roger Wehrli (all Grasshoppers), Lucien Favre, Michel Becastel (Servette), Raimonde Ponte, Claudio Sulser (both Grasshoppers), Rudi Elsener (Zurich).

Midfield player Umberto Barberis, who plays in France with Monaco, missed the Scotland game through injury, but could be in the reckoning for a recall next week.

The Swiss are expected to bring around 2,000 supporters in a specially-organised trip.

GROUP ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belgium	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
SCOTLAND	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
E. Germany	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

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CRUNCH FOR THE SCOTS

IT'S bye bye to Scotland's chances of qualifying for the European Championship Finals if we don't beat Switzerland at Hampden on Wednesday evening.

It's vital that we win the game and score a lot of goals, otherwise we might as well forget about going to France next year.

But it's going to be hard — Switzerland are no mugs. They proved that earlier this season when they beat us 2-0 in Berne.

We played very well in the first half but let ourselves down after the interval. That 45 minutes was the worst we've played in the European Championships so far.

One player we'll have to keep a very close eye on is Claudio Sulser. I rate him in the same class as Rummenigge. My Aberdeen team-mate Willie Miller reckons he's the best player he's come up against.

The Swiss won't have experienced anything like the magic atmosphere of Hampden and we're hoping that will work in

our favour. You can't hear yourself think on international evenings.

Our best chance is to try and hustle them out of the game. The Swiss aren't too keen if you get close to them.

We've only got two points from our three games in Group One and that's disappointing. At this stage I'd have liked to have seen four in the bag.

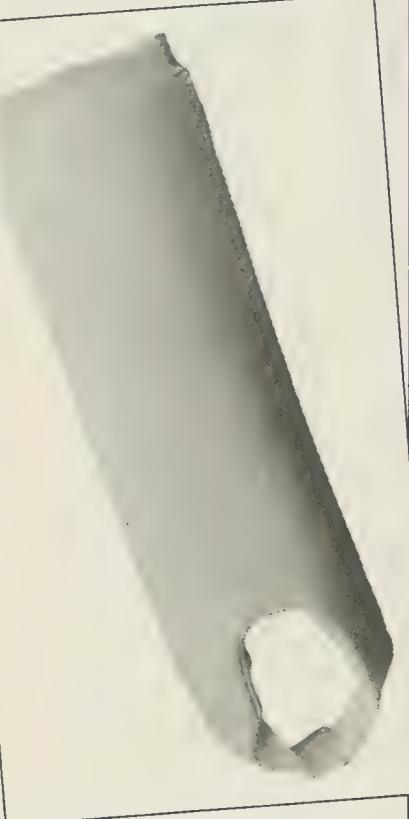
Our form in the qualifiers hasn't really been that bad, although we did slip up in the second half against the Swiss.

But that's typical of the way Scotland play. We can look like world beaters one minute and clowns the next.

Part of the reason for that is because half of our team comes from England and the other part is Scottish-based. The two styles don't always knit together properly.

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FULHAM watch out! That's the message from Newcastle's brilliant left-winger Chris Waddle.

With a quarter of the season to go, the 22-year-old Geordie is convinced the North-East side can edge out the Londoners with a late dash to steal third spot.

"With all the new arrivals this season, it took the team a long while to settle down and get to know each other's style of play," says Chris.

"Now Kevin Keegan has formed a really good understanding with 'Ray' Varadi and Terry McDermott is beginning to get back to his Liverpool best after missing a number of games through suspension.

"He really is a superb player. Whenever anyone's in trouble you can bet Terry's there to help out and make space.

"Jeff Clarke has been a revelation too. In fact he's probably been our best player this year. He's given us a lot of stability which is just what we need for the run-in.

"With David McCreery and John Trewick back to boost the squad after long injury lay-offs, there's no reason why we can't do what Norwich did last year.

"They came from behind to clinch third spot and with three points for a win we could easily catch up if the leading teams falter.

"We're going to press Fulham all the way. The manager wants success for the club and I know he'll be pushing us right to the finish."

But the future did not always look as exciting as it does now for the St James' Park favourite.



Chris Waddle — "There's no reason why we can't do what Norwich did last year and steal third spot."

WADDLE'S WARNING! NEWCASTLE CAN SNATCH PROMOTION

After being called up to the England Under-21 squad and voted Newcastle's "Favourite Magpie" last year, the skilful six-footer suddenly found himself out in the cold this term, apparently unwanted by manager Arthur Cox, and on the verge of a move to First Division strugglers Birmingham.

Explains Chris: "When I first joined the club everything seemed to happen so quickly. I was in the first team and playing in front of 30,000 fanatical fans. It was almost like a fairytale, but I knew it couldn't last.

"I suppose I was a bit overawed by the whole thing and earlier this season it all caught up with me.

"I wasn't playing well and I'd lost all my confidence. To be honest, it was no surprise when the boss decided to rest me after only five games.

"But the real shock came when I read in the papers that he was lining up a deal with Birmingham that would see me heading south with their right winger Kevin Dillon coming up here.

"I couldn't believe it! I asked to see the manager and he told me it was true. But the transfer fell through because Ron Saunders wanted me and £100,000 which Mr Cox wasn't prepared to pay."

It was an incident that Chris would rather forget.

He says: "When it dawned on me how close I'd come to leaving the club, it really gave me the jolt I needed. Not that I wasn't giving my all in every game, but it made me more determined than ever to succeed here.

"Most young players hate going back to the reserves once they've made the League side, but at that time it was exactly what I needed. It took the pressure off me for a while and I

slowly began to get my confidence back."

After nearly six weeks in the Central League wilderness, Chris made a sensational come-back to the first team — scoring the only goal in the home defeat of Crystal Palace at the end of September. He's kept his place with the promotion hopefuls ever since.

The cousin of former Liverpool, Leicester and Swansea striker Alan Waddle, Chris was born in Gateshead and, ironically, supported arch North-East rivals Sunderland as a boy, and, in fact nearly joined them after leaving school.

"It was always my ambition to play for them and I actually had a trial when Ken Knighton was in charge," he recalls.

"Unfortunately, he wasn't impressed and let me go. I didn't want to give up the game so I signed for Tow Law Town in the Northern Premier League.

"I kept writing to Newcastle for a trial and eventually they gave me one. But only two weeks after I signed, they sacked manager Bill McGarry.

"I didn't know what was going to happen to me then but the boss decided to keep me on and I haven't looked back since."

After an indifferent first year, Chris really hit the headlines last season, playing in all the club's League games and scoring eight goals — a notable feat for a winger and one which didn't escape the attention of Terry Venables and Dave Sexton — then managers of the England Under-21 side.

"The news of my call-up came right out of the blue. It was unbelievable!" says Chris.

"It was for the game against Scotland at Hampden Park in April during the European Championship. I didn't actually play but just being on the subs bench has to be the highlight of my career so far."

WASN'T it great to see Pat Jennings chalk up his 1,000th senior appearance. The Arsenal keeper is playing as well as ever and has proved this by keeping George Wood out of the Gunners' first team.

Pat is a true professional and a shining example to those making their way in the game. I believe Pat will play at least until the next World Cup, by which time he will have gained his 100th cap for Northern Ireland.

David Pett (14), Hatfield, Herts.



Pat Jennings — a shining example to young players, says David Pett.

I WOULD like to thank chairman Robert Maxwell and the players and staff for all they have done for Oxford United this season.

What a great advertisement for soccer that a club that was so close to extinction should be up among the Division Three front-runners.

At one stage this season, United had the only 100 per cent record in the League, and although they have failed to show their early-season sparkle lately, United fans have been treated to some enthralling games against the likes of Huddersfield, Portsmouth and Cardiff.

S. Ray, Headington, Oxford.

I WOULD like to congratulate Juventus on their outstanding display against Aston Villa in the

TERRACE TALK

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European Cup Quarter-Final first leg tie at Villa Park.

They showed great skill and sportsmanship to take a 2-1 lead back to Italy and proved to other Italian teams that negative, defensive play is not the way to achieve success.

With Boniek, Platini, Zoff and Rossi in sparkling form, who is to say that Juventus are not worthy successors to Aston Villa as European Champions?

John William Deary, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

ESSEX reader Philip Castle's classroom poll to find soccer's most popular player resulted in a win for Glenn Hoddle. Up here in the North, Glenn is just as popular because he topped the poll in my classroom. The result was:

1. Glenn Hoddle — 8 votes.
2. Bryan Robson, Gary Shaw — 7.
4. Tony Morley — 5.
5. Trevor Steven — 3.

Eileen Selkeld, Burnley, Lancs.

IF football does go off our television screens next season, then it may be the best thing to happen to the game in years.

If people are deprived of soccer on TV, they may decide to go and support their local team. This will increase gates and surely that's what soccer needs more than anything.

Alistair Jackson, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs.

AS the chances of a ban on televised soccer increases, I suggest that TV chiefs reconsider. I firmly believe that a TV ban

would have a damaging effect on attendances.

Fans would soon lose interest if highlights of soccer were not screened. Take darts and snooker as an example. Neither sport would be as popular as they are today without TV coverage.

The situation definitely needs reviewing before what could be a damaging decision is made.

Simon Ashmore, Colchester, Essex.

HERE'S my football 'Top Ten':

- 1 Sign of The Times — Tranmere Rovers.
- 2 Up Where We Belong — Liverpool.
- 3 The Cutter — Peter Taylor at Derby.
- 4 Steppin' Out — John Bond.
- 5 Get The Balance Right — Manchester United.
- 6 Shiny, Shiny — David Armstrong.
- 7 Communication — Petrovic and Arsenal.
- 8 The Story of The Blues — Birmingham City.
- 9 Twisting By The Pool — Everton.
- 10 The Harder They Come — Terry Butcher.

Elliott Nathan, Hampstead, London.

For a start, the Scottish game is totally different from English League football. The Scots attack more and therefore 'keepers are kept much busier and can make human errors.

I just hope English fans saw two Scottish 'keepers — Jim Leighton and Hamish McAlpine — in action for their clubs in European competition recently. Both put up outstanding performances.

Moira MacManus, Coatbridge, Lanarkshire.

WHY not have a Welsh League? England, Ireland and Scotland have Leagues of their own so why not the Welsh?

Swansea, Cardiff, Newport and Wrexham could be joined by top non-League teams to produce an exciting competition. I'm sure Welsh fans would appreciate it.

Carl Quayle (12), Garston, Liverpool.

● IT'S a joke that the Welsh Cup winners qualify for Europe. A Welsh League is a definite non-starter.

I AGREE with Alan Welsh of Warrington who said in 'Terrace Talk' that England's international matches should be played on various League grounds.

Alan is totally right. It would definitely boost attendances and would be a big advantage to those in towns like Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle who would normally have to travel hundreds of miles to watch the national team play.

Grounds like Maine Road, Old Trafford, Hillsborough and Highfield Road would be perfect for international use. Changing England's venues would be Bobby Robson's best idea yet.

Timothy Clayton, Benfleet, Essex.

● ONLY 24,000 turned up for England's British Championship clash with Wales, which gives weight to your theory that internationals should be moved from Wembley.

ONE of the most astonishing things is the decline of Glasgow Rangers. I watched them play Aberdeen and was saddened by their tactics in trying to force a draw.

I feel something must be done at Ibrox to restore the club's great traditions. If Rangers continue to slide, there will only be one loser — Scottish football.

C. L. Morrice, Garthdee, Aberdeen.



Terry Butcher — he's in Elliott Nathan's football top ten.

WE in Scotland are fed up with the English criticising our 'keepers. Peter Cranham (London) and Alan Cockayne (Channel Isles) have both written to 'Terrace Talk' with jibes about Scottish League 'keepers'.

These people are misinformed. They base their judgements on short TV highlights from Scottish games.

PENALISE PROBLEM CLUBS...



THE problem of hooliganism, especially at the matches of Derby County this season, is very disturbing.

It seems that the football authorities have failed to overcome the problem with their issuing of fines to the clubs concerned. Clearly fines do not work so we must try other ways.

I am certain that if the clubs concerned had League points deducted, instead of fines, then so-called fans would think twice before getting involved in violence.

If these fans thought that, by their actions, they could cause their club relegation, or cost them a promotion spot, they would probably decide to behave themselves. Anyway, anything is worth a try.

N. J. Peters, Paignton, Devon.



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- 4 VEYTYICCRTNO
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The programme, featuring their clash with Dunedin City last September, was sent to us by Gisborne supporter David Donnelly who reckons it is the best programme in New Zealand.

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It contains a two-page home and abroad section, but the only reference to the English League is a small paragraph announcing that Hartlepool goalkeeper Martin Burleigh had refused to re-sign for the club and had had his contract cancelled.

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Alan, who is in the 'Star Challenge' hot seat this week, will be visiting struggling Norwich on Saturday with a West Ham side currently in the middle of the table.

But even though the 'Hammers' are on course for a place in Europe, he realises that relegation is still a possibility.

About his side's game at Carrow Road Alan says: "It will be a very hard match because, although Norwich are near the bottom of the table, they have had a good Cup run and will be full of confidence."

Norwich are not the only side to have contrasting fortunes in the League and Cup. Brighton, who beat Liverpool at Anfield in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup,

have failed to repeat that form in the League.

And Alan predicts they will be plunged even deeper into trouble on Saturday. "I fancy Aston Villa to beat them at the Goldstone Ground," he says.

Alan has been challenged by Jeremy Armon (12) of Ulverston, Cumbria. Both have predicted the scorelines of eight First Division matches and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts.

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● *It's congratulations to Richmond reader Rodney Marshall who beat Northampton's Adrian Burrows 4-2 in our March 12 'Star Challenge'.*

ALAN DEVONSHIREIS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

Here are the eight selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the

actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Jeremy's forecast	Alan's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Birmingham v Notts Co	1-0	1-1		
Brighton v Aston Villa	1-1	1-2		
Everton v Arsenal	2-0	0-0		
Luton v Sunderland	1-0	2-0		
Man City v Ipswich	1-1	2-1		
Nott'm Forest v Southampton	2-1	2-1		
Stoke v Watford	1-2	1-1		
Swansea v West Brom	2-2	0-0		



Jeremy Armon of Ulverston (above) challenges West Ham and England midfielder Alan Devonshire.



Friday, March 25 DIVISION THREE

Doncaster v Gillingham.....
Orient v Wrexham.....
Reading v Walsall.....

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Tranmere.....
Halifax v Wimbledon.....
Scunthorpe v Crewe.....

Saturday, March 26 MILK CUP FINAL

Liverpool v Man Utd

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v Notts Co.....
Brighton v Aston Villa.....
Everton v Arsenal.....
Luton v Sunderland.....
Man City v Ipswich.....
Norwich v West Ham.....
Nott'm Forest v Southampton.....
Stoke v Watford.....
Swansea v West Brom.....

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v QPR.....
Bolton v Derby.....
Cambridge v Burnley.....
Chelsea v Barnsley.....
Fulham v Grimsby.....
Leeds v C Palace.....
Middlesbro' v Charlton.....
Newcastle v Leicester.....
Rotherham v Carlisle.....
Sheff Wed v Shrewsbury.....
Wolves v Oldham.....

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Newport.....
Brentford v Huddersfield.....
Cardiff v Lincoln.....
Chesterfield v Preston.....
Exeter v Bradford.....
Oxford v Plymouth.....
Portsmouth v Bristol R.....
Southend v Sheff Utd.....

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Northampton.....

FIXTURES

Bristol C v Mansfield.....
Chester v Aldershot.....
Darlington v Stockport.....
Hartlepool v Hereford.....
Hull v Port Vale.....
Rochdale v Peterborough.....
Torquay v Bury.....
York v Swindon.....

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic v St Mirren.....
Dundee Utd v Hibernian.....
Kilmarnock v Rangers.....
Morton v Aberdeen.....
Motherwell v Dundee.....

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v Dunfermline.....
Dumbarton v Airdrie.....
Falkirk v Hamilton.....
Hearts v Clyde.....
Partick v Ayr.....
Raith v Clydebank.....
St Johnstone v Queen's Park.....

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v East Fife.....
Berwick v Montrose.....
Brechin v Queen of the South.....
Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir.....
Forfar v Stirling.....
Meadowbank v Arbroath.....
Stranraer v East Stirling.....

Sunday, March 27 DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Wigan.....

Monday, March 28 DIVISION FOUR

Mansfield v Crewe.....

Tuesday, March 29 DIVISION THREE

Huddersfield v Wrexham.....
Bristol R v Sheff Utd.....
Preston v Walsall.....

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Sunday, Mar. 13

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Lowey 47, Miller 69)
CHARLTON (0) 0
Att: 5,493
Blackburn: O'Keefe 6, Hamilton 6, Rathbone 5, Kendall 5, Mail 5, Fazackerley 6, Miller 6, Arifft 5. **LOWEY** 7 (sub. Keeley 7), Garner 6, Brotherton 6.
Charlton: Johns 6, Curtis 5 (sub. Dickinson 5), Gritt 5, McAlister 5, Smith 4. **BERRY** 7, Simonsen 6, Harris 5, Robinson 5, Bullivant 5, Walker 4.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

ORIENT (0) 1 (Houchin 58)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Linford 62)
Att: 3,073
Orient: Day 7, Cornwall 6, **PEACH** 9, Foster 8, Gray 6, Sussex 6, Donn 6, Price 5 (sub. McNeil 6), Houchin 7, Kitchen 7, Godfrey 7.
Southend: Cawston 5, Stead 6, Pennyfather 7, **CLARK** 8, Hadley 6, Moody 7, Pountney 6, Phillips 7, Mercer 6 (sub. May 6), Linford 7, Nelson 7.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, Mar. 14

Division Four

MAINSFIELD (2) 3 (Dungworth 16, 21, pen 53)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att: 1,991
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Blackhall 5, Kennedy 5, Matthews 6, Ayre 5, Calderwood 7, Woodhead 6, Bell 5. **DUNGWORTH** 8, Caldwell 6, Nicholson 5.
Hartlepool: Wright 5, Brown 5, Stimpson 5, **ROBINSON** 7, Bird 6, Linighan 6, Lowe 6, Smith 5, Linacre 6, Langridge 5 (sub. Dobson), Staff 5.
Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Mar. 15

FA Cup, Sixth Round, Replay

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (3) 5 (Shelton 17, 27, Megson, pen 40, McCulloch 57, 85)
BURNLEY (0) 0
Att: 41,731
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Bailey 7, Smith 7, **SHIRTLIFF**, PETER 9, Shelton 8, Megson 8, Mills 7, Taylor 7, McCulloch 8, Heard 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Donachie 6, Phelan 7, Dobson 6, Flynn 7, Scott 6, Steven 7, Hamilton 6, Taylor 7, **YOUNG** 8 (sub. Donovan 6).
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Van den Hauwe 58, Dillon 89)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland 62)
Att: 11,276
Birmingham: Coton 6, Hagan 6, Dennis 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Van den Hauwe 7, Gayle 6, Handysides 6, Harford 5, Curbishley 5. **DILLON** 8.
Arsenal: Jennings 6, Hollins 6, Sansom 5, Robson 5, Whyte 6, Nicholas 6, Petrovic 5 (sub. Talbot 6), Davis 6, Sunderland 6, **WOODCOCK** 7, Rix 6.
Referee: T. A. Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (0) 2 (Heath 49, Sheedy 65)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 15,002
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, Richardson 7, Irvine 6, McMahon 7, Sharp 7, Heath 7, **SHEDDY** 8.
Southampton: Shilton 5, Agboola 5, Mills 6, Rose 5, Nicholl 5, Wright 5. **HOLMES** 7 (sub. Foyle), Baird 5, Moran 6, Armstrong 6, Wallace 6.
Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★

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4	Poor

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Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
DERBY (0) 0
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Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Buckley 6, **GEMMILL** 8, Foster 6, Fletcher 6, Broily 6, Davison 6, Hill 6, Swindlehurst 6, Mills 7.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Nightingale 43)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 4,258
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, **SPACKMAN** 8, Brignull 7, Impey 6, Carter 6 (sub. Graham), Beck 6, Morgan 6, Lee 7, Nightingale 7.
Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 7, Harrison 6, **SMITH** 8, Cooper 7, Hodges 7, Phillips 6, Sims 6, McCartney 6, Rogers 6.
Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Hatton 24)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Cowling 34)
Att: 10,379
Cardiff: Steele 6, Jones 7, **MULLEN** 8, Tong 7, Bodin 5, Bennett 7, G 7, Bennett, D 7, Gibbons 7, Hatton 6, Hemmerman 6, Lewis 6.
STANTON 8, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, Lillies 6, Doyle 6, Russell 7, Wilson 6, Cowling 7.
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Nelson 26, Linford 28)
Att: 1,970
Chesterfield: Turner 5, Bellamy 4, Partridge 5, Kendal 4, Green 4, Pollard 4, Plummer 5, Athersych 4, Henderson 5 (sub. Stirk 5), **O'NEILL** 6, Carroll 4.
Southend: Cawston 6, **STEAD** 9, Pennyfather 6, Moody 7, Hadley 7, May 6, Pountney 6, Phillips 8, Owers 7, Linford 8, Nelson 7.
Referee: K. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (2) 2 (Edwards 41, Young 44)
Att: 3,385
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sutton 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Weatherly 6, Tydeman 7, Johnson 6, **HORRIX** 8, Foley 6 (sub. Sage 6), Mehmet 6, Duncan 6.

Sheff Utd: **WAUGH** 8, Henderson 6, Garner 7, Charles 6, West 7, Kenworthy 7, Morris 6, Trusson 6, Edwards 7, Young 7, Curran 7.
Referee: A. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Gillard 31)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (O'Berg 44)
Att: 1,422
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 5, Gillard 6, Briley 7, Whitlock 7, Jopling 6, Shrub 6, **BANTON** 8, Goddard 4, McDonald 7, Robinson 6.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 4, Pointon 4, Reid 5, Baines 5, Hunter 5, O'Berg 6, **CAMMACK** 8, Cowling 7, Parkinson 6, Leman 7.
Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Nuttall 47)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 1,806
Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 7, Carr 7, Evans 7, Smith 7, Wilkes 7, Skivington 6, Spooner 6, Nuttall 7, Ward 5 (sub. Hallybone), **STANIFORTH** 8.
Swindon: Allan 6, Baille 5, Baddeley 7, **EMANUEL** 8, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Pritchard 7, Batty 6, Rideout 6, Rowland 6, Barnard 7.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Thompson 8, Farrell 86)
CREWE (0) 0
Att: 2,497
Rochdale: Pearce 7, Greaves 6, Snooks 6, **FARRELL** 8, McElhinney 7, Taylor 7, Thompson 7, Thomson 7, French 7, Greenhoff 7, Martinez 7.
Crewe: Smith 6, Brady 7, Bowers 6, Edwards 6, **SCOTT** 8, Hart 7, Craven 6 (sub. Haslegrave 6), Bancroft 6, Walker 7, Waller 7, Cliss 7.
Referee: R. Bridge (Chester)
Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (2) 4 (Peters 21, Leslie 40, 47, Galliers 67)
TRANMERE (0) 0
Att: 2,113
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Sparrow 7, Galliers 8, Smith 7, Hatter 7 (sub. Downes), Evans 7, Ketteridge 7, **LESLIE** 9, Hodges 8, Barrett 7.
Tranmere: Adkins 6, Williams, G 6, Burgess 6, Oliver 6, Palios 5 (sub. Warrier 6), Williams, J 5, **FERGUSON** 7, Aspinall 6, Wellings 6, Brown 6, Griffiths 6.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★

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Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★

YORK (2) 5 (Ford 21, 80, Walwyn 44, Pollard 55, Hood 90)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Massey, pen 25, Tucker 53)
Att: 2,811

York: Astbury 6, Evans 6, Hay 6, Sbragia 7, **SMITH** 9, Hood 6, Ford 7, Crosby 7, Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Pollard 8.

Northampton: Kendall 6, Tucker 7, Phillips 6, Gage 7, Burrows 6, Coffill 6, Buchanan 6, Saxby 7, Saunders 6, Syrett 6, **MASSEY** 8.

Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH First Division

PARTICK (0) 1 (Watson 79)

ALLOA (0) 2 (McCombe 67, Munro 77)

Att: 3,200

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Jarvie 65)

CLYDE (0) 0

Att: 2,250

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Gilmour 75)

HAMILTON (1) 4 (Wright 40, McLaughlin 46, 47, Phillips 75)

Att: 950

Second Division

EAST STIRLING (0) 0

BRECHIN (2) 3 (Fleming 31, Graham 37, Campbell 75)

Att: 570

Wednesday, Mar. 16

European Cup, Quarter Finals, Second Leg

JUVENTUS (Italy) (2) 3 (Platini 2, Tardelli 1)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Withe)

Att: 70,000

Juventus win 5-2 on aggregate

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Neal pen, Rush, Hodgson)
WIDZEW LODZ (Poland) (1) 2 (Tiokinski pen, Smolarek)

Att: 44,949

Widzew Lodz win 4-3 on aggregate

Other results: Hamburg (W. Germany) 1, Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 2 (Agg. 4-2); Real Sociedad (Spain) 2, Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0 (Agg. 2-1).

European Cup Winners' Cup, Quarter Finals, Second Leg

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Simpson, McLeish, Hewitt)

BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany) (1) 2 (Augenthaler, Pfugler)

Att: 24,000

Aberdeen win 3-2 on aggregate

Other results: Waterschie (Belgium) 3, Paris St Germain (France) 0 (Agg. 3-2); Barcelona (Spain) 1, Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 (Agg. 1-1 — Vienna win on away goals); Real Madrid (Spain) 2, Inter-Milan (Italy) 1 (Agg. 3-2).

UEFA Cup, Quarter Finals, Second Leg

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0

BOHEMIANS PRAGUE (Czech) (0) 0

Att: 20,000

Bohemians win 1-0 on aggregate

Other results: Craiova (Rumania) 1, Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 0 (Agg. 3-3 — Craiova win on away goals); Anderlecht (Belgium) 3, Valencia (Spain) 1 (Agg. 5-2).

Division One

STOKE (0) 1 (Thomas 65)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0

Att: 10,877

Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin, S 7, Hampton 5, Bracewell 7, Watson 8, Berry 8, Painter 7, McIlroy 6, **O'CALLAGHAN** 9, Thomas 7, Chamberlain, M 7.

Nottm Forest: Sutton 7, Anderson 7, Swain 6, Gunn 7, Young 6, Bowyer 6, Wilson 6, Wallace 6, Birtles 6, **HODGE** 8, Walsh 6 (sub. Robertson 6).

Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)

Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

OXFORD (0) 1 (Whatmore 73)

LINCOLN (0) 0

Att: 5,147

Oxford: Hardwick 6, Attley 7, Smithers 6, Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, **LAURENCE** 8, Whatmore 7, Vinter 6, Hebbard 6, Jones 6, Lincoln: Felgate 6, Brazier 6, Carr 5, Creane 5, **PEAKE** 7, Thompson 5, Burke 5, Strodder 5, Hobson 6, Bell 5, Shipton 5.

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Stark 2, 71)

MORTON (2) 3 (Gavigan 3, Fulton, og 8, Houston 80)

Att: 3,444

St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Fulton 6, McCormick 7, Stark 7, **RICHARDSON** 8, McDougall 6, McAviney 6, Scanlon 6.

Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 7, Holmes 6, Rooney 6, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 7, Payne 6, Docherty 7, Cochrane 7, Gavigan 6,

HOUSTON 8.

Referee: L. Thow (Ayr)

Match Rating: ★★★

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Friday, Mar. 18

Division Four

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Power 18, Emerson 54)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Riley 16, Ritchie 70)
 Att: 2,036

Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7, Emerson 7, Sword 6, Thorpe 7, Williams 7, Phillips 7, **COYLE** 8, Power 7, Smith 6.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Llewellyn 6, Williams 6, O. 6, Nicholls 7, Newman 7, **RILEY** 8, Economou 6, Ritchie 7, Williams 6, P 6 (sub. Palmer 6), Cooper 7, Crawford 7.

Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Economou (Bristol City)

TRANMERE (2) 2 (Ferguson 38, Brown 45)
TORQUAY (0) 0

Att: 1,503

Tranmere: Atkins 6, Williams, G 6, Burgess 6, Oliver 7, Hamilton 6 (sub. Mongall). Williams, J 7, **FERGUSON** 8, Aspinall 6, Wellings 6, Brown 6, Griffiths 6.
Torquay: Horn 6, Smith 6, Holmes 6, **WILSON** 8, Little 6, Riach 6, Jones 6, Doyle 6, Bishop 6, Anderson 7, Gallagher 6.
Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Saturday, Mar. 19

Division One

ARSENAL (3) 4 (Woodcock 19, 26, 85, Davis 43)
LUTON (0) 1 (Moss 89)

Att: 23,987

Arsenal: Jennings 7, O'Leary 6 (sub. Meade), Sansom 6, Robson 7, Whyte 6, Nicholas 7, Talbot 7, Davis 7, Sunderland 6.
WOODCOCK 8, Rix 7.
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 5, Elliott 5, Horton 6, Goodey 6, Donaghy 5, Hill 6, **WHITE** 7, Walsh 6, Turner 6, Moss 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★

ASTON VILLA (3) 4 (Shaw 24, Withe 29, 70, Evans 38)
COVENTRY (0) 0

Att: 20,509

Aston Villa: Spink 7, Williams 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, McNaugh 6, Mortimer 8, Bremner 7, Shaw 7 (sub. Morley), **WITHE** 9, Cowans 6, Walters 7.
Coventry: Sealey 6, **THOMAS** 8, Roberts 5, Butterworth 4 (sub. Thompson 5), Dyson 4, Gillespie 5, Whittom 5, Francis 6, Hateley 7, Melrose 6, Hunt 5.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Mariner 25, 65)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0

Att: 17,534

Ipswich Town: **COOPER** 8, Burley 7, Geron 7, Putney 7, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 6, McCall 6, Mariner 7, D'Avray 5, O'Callaghan 5 (sub. Thijssen).
Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 7, **ANDERSON** 8, Swain 6 (sub. Smalley 5), Gunn 6, Fairclough 6, Bowyer 6, Wilson 5, Hodge 5, Davenport 6, Walsh 6, Robertson 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo)
Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 0
EVERTON (0) 0

Att: 44,737

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 7, Kennedy 6, Lawrence 6, Whelan 7, Hansen 7; Dalglish 8, **LEE** 9, Rush 7, Johnston 7, Souness 7 (sub. Hodson).
Everton: **ARNOLD** 9, Stevens 8, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 8, Richardson 7, Irvine 6 (sub. Ainscow), McMahon 7, Sharp 6, Heath 7, Sheedy 8.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Albiston 57)

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Gatting 6)
 Att: 36,700
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 5, **ALBISTON** 8, Grimes 6, McGrath 5, Duxbury 6, Wilkins 6 (sub. Macari), Muhran 7, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 6, Coppel 6.
Brighton: Moseley 6, Ramsey 6, Gatting 7, Greatish 6, Foster 6, Stevens 6, **CASE** 8, Ritchie 6, Robinson 7, Ryan 6 (sub. Smith 6), Smillie 6.
Referee: R. A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Worthington 45, Christie, pen 87)
NORWICH (2) 2 (Deehan, pen 2, Bertschin 34)

Att: 8,064

Notts County: Leonard 6, Benjamin 6, Worthington 7, Hunt 7, Kilcline 6, Richards 6, Chiodozie 7, Fashanu 7, **McCULLOCH** 8, Christie 7, Clarke 6 (sub. Harkouk 6).
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Downs 6, Mendham 6, Walford 6, Watson 7, **BARHAM** 8, Bennett 7, Deegan 7, Bertschin 7, Van Wyk 6 (sub. Jack 6).
Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (4) 4 (Moran 5, 31, 43, Baird 19)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Reeves 48)

Att: 17,201

Southampton: Shilton 7, Agboola 8, Mills 7, Williams 7, Nicholl 7, Wright 8, Holmes 7, Baird 7, **MORAN** 9, Armstrong 7 (sub. Foyle), Wallace 7.
Man City: Williams 6, Golac 5 (sub. May 5), Lomax 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, **CATON** 7, Tueart 6, Reeves 6, Cross 5, Power 6, Baker 6.
Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Rowell 82)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Marustik 51)

Att: 17,445

Sunderland: Turner 7, Nicholl 6, Pickering 6, **ATKINS** 8, Chisholm 7, Proctor 7, Venison 5, Rowell 7, Worthington 7, James 7, Cummins 6 (sub. McCoist 6).
Swansea: **SANDER** 8, Marustik 7, Richards 7, Robinson 7, Lewis 7, Rajkovic 6, Loveridge 6, James 7, Gale 6, Stanley 6, Latchford 7.

Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (0) 0

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Falco 41)

Att: 27,371

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Rostron 7, Taylor 6, Sims 7, Bolton 7, **CALLAGHAN** 8, Blissett 7, Barnes 7, Jackett 7, Jobson 7 (sub. Armstrong).
Spurs: Clemence 8, Hughton 7, O'Reilly 6, **ROBERTS** 9, Miller 8, Perryman 7, Mabbott 7, Galvin 7, Falco 7, Brazil 8, Gibson 7.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Perryman (Tottenham)

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Regis 27, Thompson 75)

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

Att: 20,794

West Brom: Barron 6, Webb 6, Statham 7, Zondervan 6, **WILE** 8, Bennett 7, Whitehead 6, Thompson 7, Regis 7, Owen 7, Cross 6.
Birmingham: Coton 6, Hagan 6, Kuhl 7, Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Van den Hauwe 6, **GAYLE** 8, Halsall 6, Harford 7, Curbishley 5, Dillon 5.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Nelson)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Bould, og 52)

STOKE (0) 1 (Thomas 70)

Att: 16,466

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, Bonds 6, **MARTIN** 8, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 6, Morgan 7, Allen 5, Pike 5.
Stoke: Fox 7, Bould 5, Hampton 6, Bracewell 6, Watson 8, Berry 7, Painter 6, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 5 (sub. Griffiths 5), Thomas 7, **CHAMBERLAIN**, M. 9.
Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Birch 59, Campbell 78)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

Att: 10,681

Barnsley: Pierce 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 6, Banks 5, Souter 5, Law 6, Parker 6, Ronson 6, Campbell 7 (sub. Barrowclough), **BIRCH** 8.
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 6, Nattrass 7, Hamilton 6, Baxter 6, Mowbray 6, Otto 7, Sugrue 7, Kennedy 6, **WOOD** 8, Shearer 7, Bell 6.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Donovan 83)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

Att: 13,900

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Donachie 6, **PHELAN** 9, Dobson 8, Flynn 6, Scott 6, Steven 6, Hamilton 7, Donovan 6, Young 6.

Newcastle: Carr 6, Anderson 6, Wharton 7, Martin 6, **CLARKE** 9, Carney 7, Keegan 6, McDonald 6, Varadi 5, McDermott 6, Waddle 6.

Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (3) 3 (Robson, B 5, Poskett 24, Coughlin 30)

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Brotherston 28)

Att: 4,756

Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 7, Haigh 7, Coughlin 7, **RUSHBURY** 8, Houghton 6 (sub. Staniforth 6), Robson, K 7, Robson, B 7, Poskett 6, Bannon 7, Shoulder 6.
Blackburn: O'Keefe 6, Hamilton 6, Rathbone 7, Randall 6, Mail 7, Keeley 6, Miller 7, Arnott 6, Lowey 6, Garner 6, **BROTHERSTON** 8.
Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CHARLTON (0) 0

LEEDS (0) 1 (Sheridan 57)

Att: 8,229

Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 7, Dickenson 6, McAllister 6, Smith 6, Berry 6, **SIMONSEN** 8, Harris 6, Robinson 5, Bullivant 5 (sub. Curtis 5), Walker 6.
Leeds: **HARVEY** 8, Thomas 6, Gray, F 7, Sheridan 7, Hart 6, Dickinson 7, Hird 6, Connor 7, Butterworth 7, Donnelly 6, Graham 5.
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0

CHELSEA (0) 0

Att: 13,437

Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Locke 7, Murphy 6, Neubeling 6, Cannon 6, Hinshelwood 7, Brown 7, **HUGHTON** 8, Jones 7, Giles 7, Hilaire 7.
Chelsea: Francis 7, Jones 6, Hutchings 6, Lee 6, Chivers 7, Pates 6, Fillery 7, **WALKER** 8, Speedie 6, Rhoades-Brown 7, Canoville 7.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (0) 0

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

Att: 16,925

Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 6, Buckley 6, Powell 7, Foster 5, Futcher 7, Brolly 6, **GEMMILL** 8, Davison 6 (sub. Thomas), Swindlehurst 6, Emson 4.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 6, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Shirtliff, Peter 6, Shelton 8, **MEGSON** 9, Mills 5, Taylor 6, McCulloch 6 (sub. Pearson 6), Heard 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters, pen 20)

WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves 51)

Att: 7,600

Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6, Crombie 6, Waters 6, Crosby 6, Moore, K 7, Ford 6, Bonnyman 6, Wilkinson 7, Stone 6 (sub. O'Dell), **CUMMING** 8.
Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 6, Palmer 7, Smith 7, **PENDER** 8, Dodd 7, Kellock 6, Clarke 6, Gray 6, Eves 7, Matthews 7 (sub. Richards).
Referee: T. A. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEICESTER (1) 4 (Smith, A 10, 89, Lynex, pen 55, Wilson 80)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0

Att: 8,305

Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 6, Smith, B 7, McDonald 7, English 6, O'Neill 7, Lynex 7, Lineker 7, **SMITH**, A 8, Daly 7 (sub. Peake), Wilson 7.
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Turner 6, Fallon 6, **FINNEY** 7, O'Neill 6, Spriggs 7, Reilly 7, Fisher 6, Cooke 6.
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Palmer 55)

FULHAM (0) 0

Att: 6,189

Oldham: Goram 7, Sinclair 7, Ryan 7, Keegan 6, Clements 7, Hoolekin 7, Wylde 6, Atkinson 7, McDonough 6, Henry 6, **PALMER** 8.
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Lock 7, **O'DRISCOLL** 8, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 6 (sub. McDermott 5), Conley 6, Houghton 7, Lewington 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★★

QPR (4) 4 (Sealy 23, Flanagan 33, Gregory 35, 41)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

Att: 9,541

QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 7, Dawes 8, Waddock 8, Hazell 8, Fenwick 8, Micklewhite 8, Sealy 8, Stainrod 7, Flanagan 7, **GREGORY** 9.

Rotherham: **MIMMS** 8, Forrest 6, Friar 6, Johnson 6, Hughes 7, Green 6, Towner 7, Gow 7, Seaman 6, Henson 6, McBride 7.
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Green (Rotherham)

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Brown 17)

BOLTON (0) 0

Att: 4,163

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 6, Williams 7, Johnson 6, Turner 6, Pearson 6, Stevens 6, Petts 6, MacLaren 7, **BROWN** 8, Robinson 7, Bates 6.
Bolton: **McDONAGH** 9, Whitworth 7, Deakin 6, Redfearn 6, Jones 8, Doyle 7, Chandler 6, Rudge 6, Moores 6, Hoggan 6, Thompson 6.

Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRADFORD (0) 0

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Cassell 89)

Att: 3,828

Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Abbott 7, Chapman 6, **GRAY** 8, Jackson 7, Cherry 7, McCall 7, Gallagher 6 (sub. Mellor 6), Campbell 6, Black 6, Lampkin 6.
Brentford: Roche 6, Rowe 6, Wilkins 6, Booker 7, Whitehead 7, Harris 8, Kamara 6, Joseph 7, **CASSELLS** 9, Bowles 6, Roberts 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Barrett 58)

Stephens 69)

SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Linford 64, Phillips, pen 67)

Att: 6,025

Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Slatter 5, Williams 8, Williams 6, Parkin 5, McCaffery 6, **BALL** 8, Holloway 5 (sub. Stephens 7), Withey 5, Randall 7, Barrett 6.

Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 6, Pennyfather 7, May 7, Hadley 7, Moody 6, Pountney 7, **PHILLIPS** 8, Owers 7, Linford 7, Nelson 6.

Referee: L. Burden (Pool)

Match Rating: ★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Duncan 87)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 6,489

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Shaw 6, Tydeman 7, Johnson 6, Horrix 6 (sub. Cascarino 7), Weatherly 7, **MEHMET** 8, Duncan 7.

Portsmouth: Knight 7, **MC LAUGHLIN** 8, Sullivan 6, Doyle 6, Rollings 7, Aizlewood 7, Webb 6, Tait 6, Rafferty 6 (sub. Ellis 6), Biley 7, Rogers 6.

Referee: I. Borrett (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 8,630

Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, **BURKE** 8, Stanton 7 (sub. Pugh), Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Lillis 6, Doyle 7, Russell 6, Wilson 7, Cowling 7.

Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Impey 7, Dawtry 7, Beck 7, Morgan 6, **LEE** 8, Nightingale 6.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LINCOLN (2) 2 (Shipley 17, 19)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

Att: 4,454

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 6, Neale 7, Thompson, C 8, Peake 8, Thompson, S 7, Burke 6, Turner 7, Hobson 6 (sub. Stroder), Bell 6, **SHIPLEY** 9.

Chesterfield: Turner 7, Bellamy 5, O'Neill 5, Kendal 6, **GREEN** 8, Pollard 5, Plummer 6

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Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 5, Johnson 5, Snodin, G 6, Humphries 5, Lister 5, **★WALKER 8**, Mell 4, Austin 4 (sub. Douglas), Mann 4, Robertson 4.

Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)

Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (1) 2 (Bruce 28, Elliott 77) **CARDIFF (0) 1** (Hemmerman 46)

Att: 4,608

Preston: Hodge 8, Hinnigan 8, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 8, Westwell 7 (sub. Gowling 6), Lodge 7, Sayer 6, Bruce 7, **★ELLIOTT 9**, Naughton 7, Bell 7.

Cardiff: **★STEELE 8**, Jones 6, Mullen 7, Tong 7, Dwyer 6, Bennett, G 7, Bennett, D 6, Gibbins 6, Hatton 6, Hemmerman 7, Micallef 6.

Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)

Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 3 (Kenworthy 47, Edwards 65, Young 80)

OXFORD (1) 2 (Jones 21, Vinter 60)

Att: 11,786

Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, **★HENDERSON 8**, Garner 6, Charles 6 (sub. Brazil 6), West 6, Kenworthy 7, Morris 7, Trusson 6, Edwards 7, Young 7, Curran 7.

Oxford: Hardwick 7, Attley 7, Smithers 6, Train 6 (sub. Brock), Briggs 7, Shotton 6, Lawrence 6, Whatmore 7, Vinter 7.

★HEBBERD 8, Jones 7.

Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WALSALL (1) 3 (Kearns, O 31, Summerfield 48, 60)

EXETER (0) 2 (Rogers, P 59, 68)

Att: 2,669

Walsall: Green 7, Arthur 7, Mower 7, Beech 6, Sinnott 8, Hart 6, Kearns, O 8, Preece 6 (sub. Shakespeare 7), **★SUMMERFIELD 9**, Buckley 6, O'Kelly 7.

Exeter: Bond 7, Pullar 6, Viney 7, **★PHILLIPS 9**, Marker 7, Rogers, M 6, Neville 8 (sub. Pratt 7), Rogers, P 7, Kellow 7, Deline 7, Burke 6.

Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★

WIGAN (0) 0

ORIENT (0) 1 (Godfrey 85)

Att: 2,954

Wigan: Tunks 6, **★McMAHON 8**, Cribbley 6, Walsh 6, Methven 6, Butler 6, Langley 6, Williams 7 (sub. Houghton 7), Lowe 7, O'Keefe 5, Weston 6.

Orient: Day 6, Cornwell 6, Foster 7, Gray 6, Peach 6, Sussex 6 (sub. McNeil 7), Donn 6, Price 6, Houchen 7, Kitchen 6, **★GODFREY 9**.

Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (2) 4 (Hunt 7, 27, Arkwright 66, Buxton 78)

MILLWALL (2) 3 (Bremner 33, 40, Chatterton, pen 63)

Att: 2,668

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, King 7, Hill 6, Muldoon 5 (sub. Edwards 5), **★DOWMAN 8**, Keay 6, Arkwright 7, Buxton 7, Hunt 7, Bater 6, Gregory 6.

Millwall: Wells 6, Martin 6, Stride 7, White 7, Madden 6, Cusack 6, Bremner 7, Stewart 7, Aylott 6 (sub. Neal), **★OTULAKOWSKI 8**, Chatterton 7.

Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Nicholson 81)

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Hull 48)

Att: 2,371

Mansfield: Arnold 6, Blackhall 6, Kearney 5, Bell 5, Bird 7, Calderwood 6, Woodhead 6, **★RHODES 8**, Dungworth 5, Caldwell 5, Nicholson 6.

Colchester: **★WALKER 8**, Cook 6, Longhorn 6, McDonough 6, Wignall 5, Coleman 6, Atkinson 7 (sub. Groves), Osborne 5, Bowen 5, Adcock 6, Hull 6.

Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)

Match Rating: ★★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Gynn 88)

HULL (0) 1 (Mutrie 51)

Att: 3,805

Peterborough: Naylor 6, Carmichael 5, Collins 6, Gynn 6, **★FIR 8**, Slack 6, Clarke 6, Linton 6, Chard 7, Benjamin 5, Ippolito 6 (sub. Rodaway 6).

Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 6, Askew 5, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 6, Booth 7, Marwood 6, Whitehurst 5, Flounders 5 (sub. Swann 6), **★MUTRIE 8**, Roberts, G 6.

Referee: M. James (Horsham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Askew (Hull)

PORT VALE (1) 4 (Bromage 23, Newton 72, 75, 83)

ROCHDALE (0) 0

Att: 5,129

Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarrant 7, Bromage 7, **★HUNTER 9**, Sproson 6, Cegielski 6, Fox 8, Steel 6, Newton 8, Lawrence 8, Armstrong 5.

Rochdale: Pearce 7, Greaves 6, Snookes 6 (sub. Thomson 6), Farrell 6, **★MCLEHINNEY 8**, Taylor 6, Thompson 6, Greenhoff, B 5, Weir 6, Greenhoff, J 7, Hilditch 6.

Referee: D. Lloyd (Worcester)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SWINDON (1) 1 (Rowland 12)

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Allan, og 40, McLean 52)

Att: 2,815

Swindon: Allan 5, **★BAILIE 8**, Baddeley 6, Emmanuel 6, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Pritchard 5, Barnard 6, Rideout 7, Rowland 6, Moore 5 (sub. Batty).

Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 7, Young 6, Smith 7, Barton 7, Honour 6, Gilbert 7, **★MCLEAN 8**, Todd 6, Walsh 7, McFadden 6.

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)

Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Leslie 64, Hodges 80)

HARTELEPOOL (0) 0

Att: 2,324

Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 5, Sparrow 6, Belfield 6, Smith 6, Hatter 6, **★EVANS 7**, Ketteridge 5, Leslie 6, Hodges 5, Barnett 6.

Hartlepool: Blackburn 6, Brown 6, Barker 5, **★ROBINSON 7**, Linighan, D 6, Linighan, A 6, Lowe 5, Smith 5, Linacre 6, Dobson 5 (sub. McNamee), Staff 5.

Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)

Match Rating: ★★

Due to lack of space, the full Match Facts for the Scottish programme will appear in next week's issue of Match.

MATCH WEEKLY / SUBBUTEO CHAMPIONSHIPS

KEVIN Mabbett, the talented Crystal Palace mid-fielder, was just one of the many hundreds of spectators at last Saturday's Match Weekly / Subbuteo Regional Final held at Bettaills in London.

Kevin, brother of Spurs and England star **Gary**, saw an exciting tournament which provided the final qualifiers for the English National Finals.

The Junior competition was won by **Peter Ellingham**, who overcame a tough challenge by **Lee Copeland** in the Final.

South East Senior Champion is **Graeme Jones**, who defeated **Sean Copeland** in the other Final.

All four finalists qualify for the 1983 Match Weekly / Subbuteo National Championships to be held at Wembley on May 1.

Other competitors taking part last weekend were: Junior Section — **Jeremy Hoar**, **Chris Hughes**, **Robert McNeil**, **Jonathon O'Neil**, **Jason Batram**, **Justin Greenwood**, **Adam Wells**, **Michael Anderson**, **Simon Tatnell**, **Richard Luff**, **Rupert Clarke**, **Adam Lee** and **Warren Guest**.

Senior Section — **Paul Steadman**, **Jonathon Robinson**, **Paul Quarrie**, **Peter Norris**, **Alan Ewart** and **Reginald Wright**.

MATCHWINNERS

MARK Wilbraham, of Littleborough, Lancs, is the lucky winner of our Le Coq Sportif competition in our March 5 issue. He wins a tracksuit, football kit and boots.

Runner-up **Gary Gordon**, of Northwood, Middlesex, wins a football kit and two tickets for England's European Championship game with Hungary at Wembley.

The following eight prizewinners each receive a soccer shirt in the colours of Sunderland, Aston Villa, Chelsea or Tottenham: **Martyn Jones**, **Whitchurch**, **Cardiff**; **David Southam**, **Rugby**; **John Davison**, **New Bremceth**, **Durham**; **Philip Watkins**, **Halesowen**; **Richard Chapman**, **Dunstable**; **Martin Roberts**, **Tupton**, **Chesterfield**; **Jayne Slinn**, **Ecclesfield**, **Sheffield** and **Paul Boon**, **Daventry**, **Northants**.

TURKEY SHOOT!

IRISH GO FOR GOALS

see them and he'll make sure we're clued up before we go out."

Mal and the rest of his Northern Ireland team-mates know that it's vital for his country to beat Turkey. "We've got to win the games against the so-called lesser countries just in case we drop points against the likes of West Germany and Austria.

"But we're fairly confident because we've got a good record at Windsor Park. We haven't lost there for a long time and don't concede many goals there."

"I love playing there. It's great to go home for a couple of days," says Mal, who made his international debut against

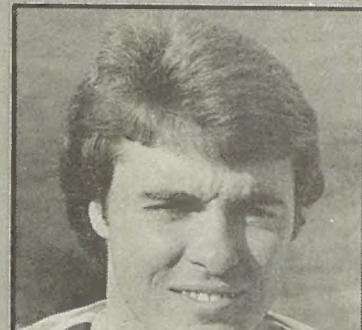
Scotland in 1980.

"Because of our good record at home, teams are very wary of coming to Belfast. That puts pressure on them."

"But we've got to go out and win and win well. We've got to score a few goals because I've got a sneaking feeling that our group could be decided on goal difference."

Northern Ireland are currently second in Group Six behind Austria. They have three points from their opening three games. The surprise in the group is West Germany, who are bottom with no points.

But Mal says: "Make no mistake, the Germans will be there or thereabouts at the end. It's between them, us and the Austrians. At the moment, Austria must look favourites to go through."



Luton's Mal Donagh: "It's funny for Northern Ireland to be the favourites to win a game."

GROUP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
N. IRELAND	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Turkey	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
Albania	3	0	1	2	0	6	1
W. Germany	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

SWISS ROLE!

FORMER Eire international striker Don Givens is hoping his small town Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax can qualify for Europe again.

"We don't have a big squad and it's unlikely we can win the League, but even fourth place

■ MOZAMBIQUE's new national team manager is former Portugal star Mario Coluna.

The former Benfica player, who was born in Mozambique, was a popular figure in Portugal's 1966 World Cup team.

AJAX LURE ARNESEN

DANISH star Frank Arnesen could turn his back on Spain this summer.

The Valencia midfield player may return to Ajax, the club where he, Soren Lerby and now Jespar Olsen have gained their international reputations.

The Dutch aces want him back and the Spanish club are going through a period of problems, culminating in the sacking of coach Miljan Miljanic.

"It can't be too long before Johan Cruyff retires and, when that day comes Ajax would be the best place for me, says Frank, who has had two knee operations in the past nine months.

"Right now Valencia have boardroom troubles and the chances are they will be relegated. Sorry Valencia, but the top is my aim."

■ FORMER England goalkeeper Tony Waiters has shocked Canadian football officials by resigning as the national team manager only two months after being appointed.

The former Plymouth manager quit because he didn't want to move home from Vancouver to Montreal.

AMERICAN WORLD CUP HOPES RISE

THE big American dream of staging the 1986 World Cup Finals came a step nearer when hot favourites Brazil dropped out of the running.

Brazil President, Joao Gigueiredo, said his country couldn't economically justify or afford to stage the 24-team tournament.

The three remaining candidates are America, Canada and Mexico.

Already the Americans have promised that if they host the tournament, they will make an income of at least £240 million compared with £43 million taken in Spain.

FIFA will not make any decision until May.

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE



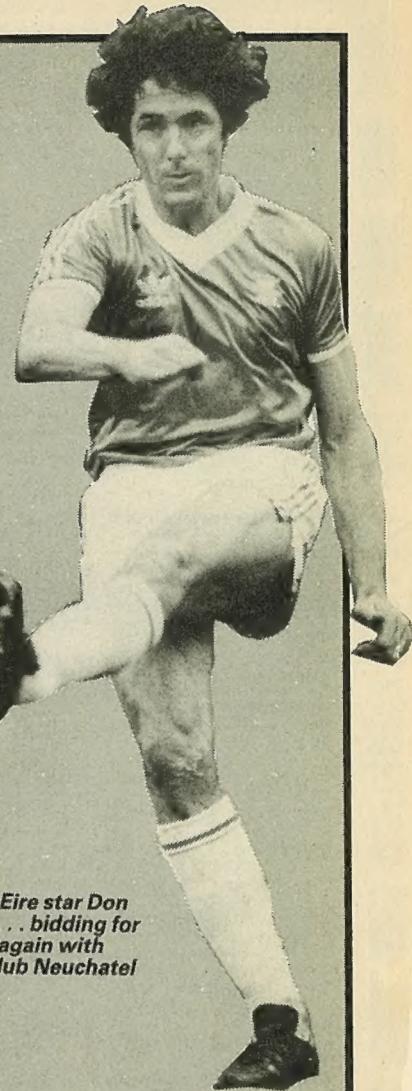
DON HAS EUROPE TARGET

would get us into Europe next season," says the former Manchester United, QPR and Birmingham star, who has hit 21 goals in 46 matches and hasn't missed a match since he joined them nearly two years ago.

Although he and his family enjoy the Swiss life-style, 34-year-old Don is undecided whether to stay when his contract expires at the end of the season.

"If I don't feel up to it and my legs begin to go a bit, then I will call it a day. It would suit me to be able to stay on because I've got nothing to return home to. But this club has been marvellous to me and my family and I wouldn't cheat on them," adds Don, who is the only full-time player on the books of Xamax, who reached the Quarter-Finals of last season's UEFA Cup.

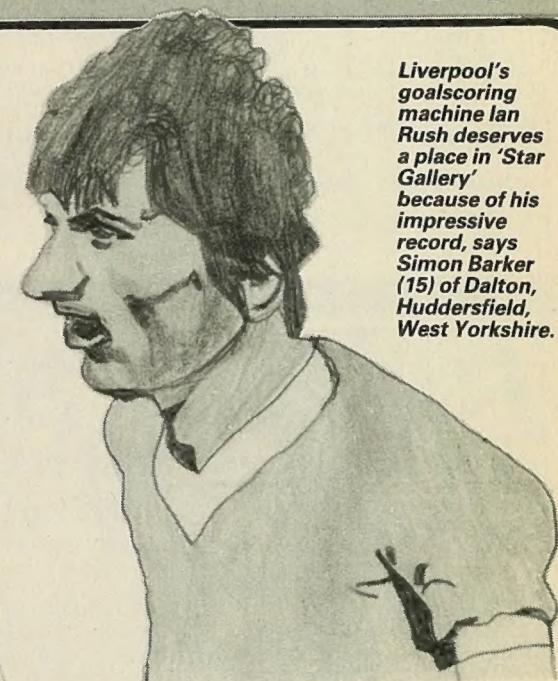
Former Eire star Don Givens . . . bidding for Europe again with Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax.



STAR GALLERY



Portsmouth midfielder Mick Tait (above) will be showing his class in the Second Division next season, predicts Al Banting, of Streatham Hill, London.



Liverpool's goalscoring machine Ian Rush deserves a place in 'Star Gallery' because of his impressive record, says Simon Barker (15) of Dalton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.



"The best central defender outside the First Division," is how Kenneth Vikse of Smorsund, Norway, describes QPR's Bob Hazell (left).

THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

The Spurs and England midfield ace welcomes new signing Alan Brazil and talks about the wealth of strikers at White Hart Lane.

NEW signing Alan Brazil should have no trouble settling into the Spurs's side — he's our type of player.

The Scottish international is a very skilful player and one I rate very highly. Once he gets a few games under his belt, I'm sure he will do a good job.

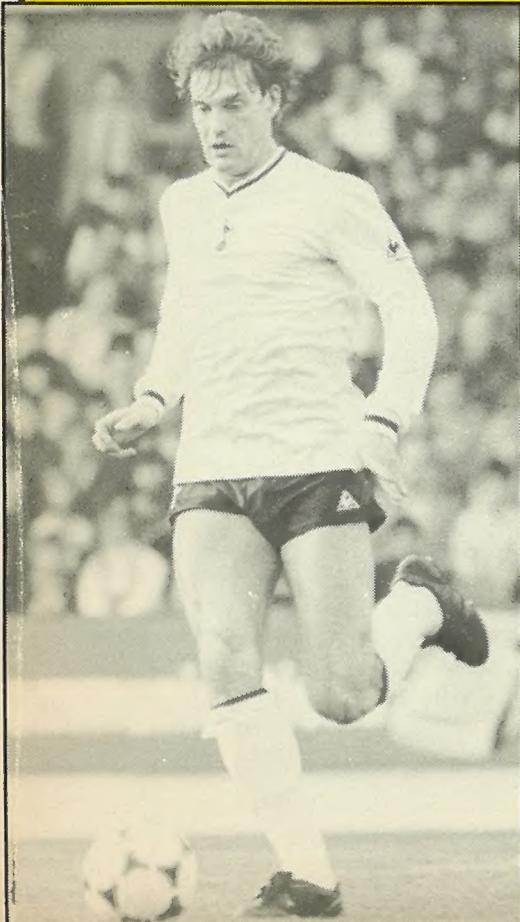
He had a very successful spell with Ipswich and was regularly on the scoresheet . . . I hope he can reproduce that form now he is at White Hart Lane.

Alan's arrival increases the competition for places at the club, and that can only be a good thing.

The manager is in a very healthy position because he now has a wealth of forwards to pick from. I can't say what the best permutation will be, but I'm confident that whoever the boss selects will produce the goods.

We have a tremendous squad at Spurs — probably the strongest in the First Division —

SPURS WILL RELISH BRAZIL BLEND



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and that is made apparent by the fact that people like Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald are struggling to command a place in the side.

They were first-choice strikers at one time, but they have both had their fair share of injuries and seem to have lost confidence in front of goal.

But they are working hard to recapture their old form and I'm sure they will come good again before long.

One striker who is bang on form is tiny Terry Gibson who has done a great job for us in the last couple of months.

He has played really well and scored a few goals . . . you can't ask for much more than that.

The competition for places doesn't just exist up front. The same goes throughout the team and there are two or three players fighting for every position.

On a personal note I seem to have shaken off my niggling ankle injury. I'm delighted to be back in action.

After seven weeks on the sidelines I played a couple of games recently and passed the test with flying colours.

I played in a friendly against Arsenal and a reserve game against Swindon last week and, although the ankle is still a little sore, I feel I am getting back to full fitness.

I have been training very hard for the last few weeks and hope to be back in the first team pretty soon.

We are now entering the crucial period of the season and we need to string a few good results together if we are going to qualify for Europe.

The next few games are going to be very important because if we don't pick up some points over Easter we can virtually wave goodbye to our chances of playing European football next season.

We were disappointed not to collect three points from our recent away game at Coventry when we drew 1-1.

I was watching the game and although we were one down at half-time, I thought we did enough in the second half to win it.

We have two tough games coming up over Easter. The first is away to Brighton on the Saturday and then it's the London derby against Arsenal on the Monday.

Brighton have had a fantastic run in the FA Cup and must be full of confidence, but it might be that their minds will be on the Semi-Final and I feel we can beat them.

Our record at the Goldstone Ground has been good over the last few seasons and we'll be keen to keep it intact.

Victory on the south coast would obviously put us in a good frame of mind for the derby game at White Hart Lane.

Like Brighton, Arsenal are through to the FA Cup Semi-Final and seem to be enjoying something of a purple patch at the moment, so we are obviously going to have our work cut out to beat them.

We don't have a League game this Saturday because we were due to play Manchester United, who are involved in the Milk Cup Final.

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Dave Smith.

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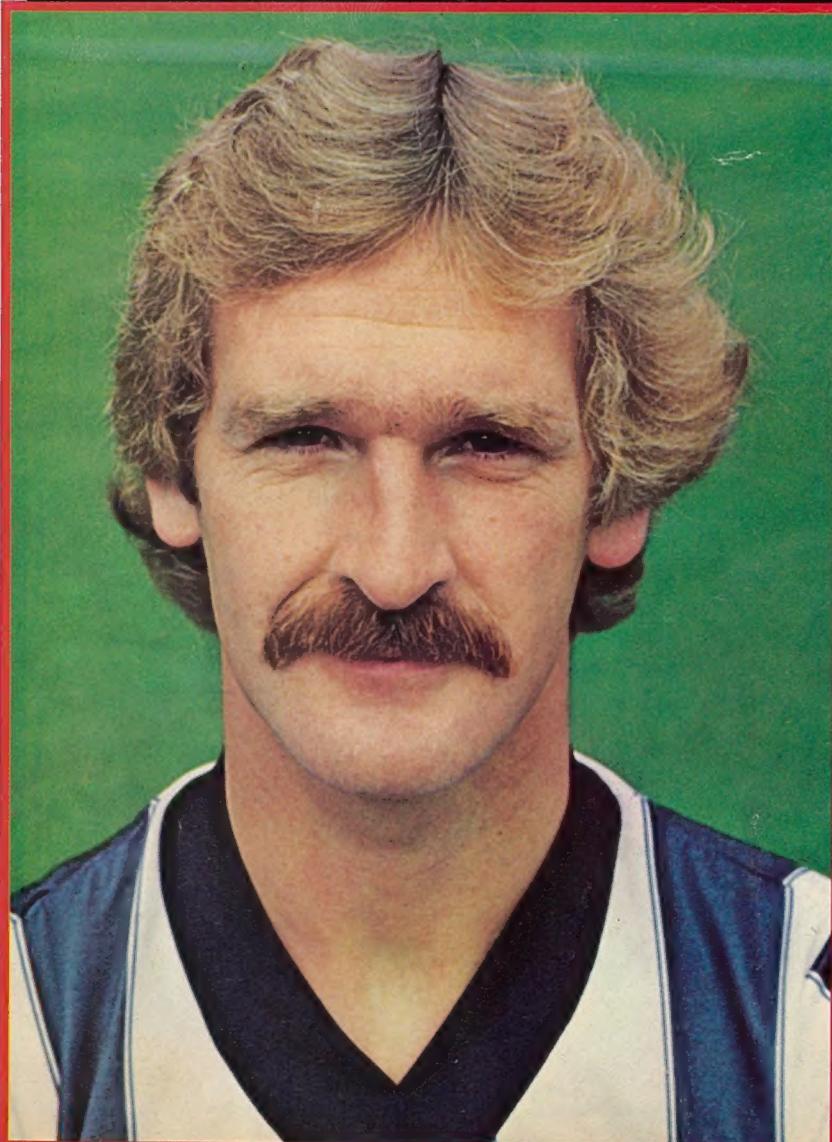
WEST BROM

FULL NAME: Alistair Robertson.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Philpstoun, September 9, 1952.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11in. 12st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Lynda.
CHILDREN: Andrew (7) and Laura (4).
CAR: BMW.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Joined Albion from school.
NICKNAME AT CLUB: 'Robbo'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken leg in 1970.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Bryan Robson — a great all-round player.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Glasgow Rangers.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johan Cruyff — the most complete player with everything you could wish for in a footballer.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, Lawrenson, Moore, Statham, Souness, Robson, Baxter, Dalglish, Law, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore (England), Breitner (W.

Germany), Dalglish (Scotland), Robson (England), Baxter (Scotland), Cruyff (Holland), Law (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Valencia.
BEST GOAL SCORED: They are all too few. Any goal is a great goal for me.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ian Edwards for Wrexham against Derby in 1980.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult, but it was a privilege to play against Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: A 1-0 win at Oldham in the last game of the 1975-76 season which clinched promotion back to the First Division.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Making my West Brom debut against Manchester United in October 1969.

single out one.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My late father.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries and hooligans.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak and toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Schoolboy and youth honours for Scotland.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful and happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour with West Brom.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To remain in football as a manager or coach.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: West Brom's Martyn Bennett.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jack Nicklaus.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: To work hard and listen to sound advice.

Ally Robertson



The great Gordon Banks in action — he was the world's number one according to Ally Robertson.